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Claremore, Oklahoma.

My dear Judge Johnson:-

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1st day.

Registration of delegates in the forenoon.

Convention convenes at 1.20. Opened by invocation. Then number by the Sante Fe Indian School choir.

Address of welcome by Abel Fei Sano, Chairman of the All Pueblo Council.

Reply by President Johnson, who will at this time give the keynote speech. This should stress the theme of the Conference, and should perhaps point out that the Pueblos were a good illustration of the effectiveness of united effort; that they joined together first in our knowledge of history in 1680 under Pope' to defeat the invaders who would have enslaved them.

Then again in 1923 they joined together to protect themselves against Secretary Fell. And were successful both times. Stress need today for Indians to unite on an even larger scale.

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Evening, December 4th.

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