

there is where my stronger philosophy, and the way I do, to protect and to initiate, with authority, to protect their interests. This is some of the things I am using for my purpose.

Blue Lake for our life is living. Blue Lake is where the spirits of Indian God is still living today, on this dirt, insofar as we know.

We go over there to pray, and we go over there to worship. The stars and the moon and the sun and the sky and the clouds and the air, and whatever nature has provided for us, we do believe in this. You need these yourself. No one is any more powerful than God himself. I do believe this is my interpretation of this.

Personally, I don't have any feeling with the Forest Service personnel. I don't have any feelings with nobody. I don't like anyone to be impressed that I am against Forest Service personnel. But for the fact within this area, we would have to go in there by permission, the sacred area of Blue Lake, and the 48,000 acres. We go in there by permission. This has been the thing that we don't like to see. We should not be going in there under any kind of a setup. This has been our land; this has been our church. A shrine that we have been talking about in this area are located the vegetations, the timbers, and the creeks and the springs and the water, and the little wild animals that we use for our ceremony purpose are in there. Why should we let it to have this desecration by the people who don't believe in preserving these things?

My council member, Severino Martinez, has stated here, giving permission to go in there would not be justified because we exercise our religious purpose in there.

Congressman Haley on the House side, Wayne Aspinall on the House side, passed this H.R. 3306, with an honest and good study, a good study, and they protected the Indian interests. They have given their time to learn from the Indians, and they have given themselves a time to listen to the Indian people.

Half of the lawmakers of the United States of America have already protected this, and supported H.R. 3306. What is wrong with it? We want this H.R. 3306 to be endorsed by this committee. We do believe in American way of treatments. We do believe that we belong to this society of our country.

I want to thank you, Mr. Chairman, for letting me testify, and this is my testimony to this committee.

Thank you very much.

Senator METCALF. Thank you very much, Mr. Romero.

Senator Anderson?

Senator ANDERSON. We hear a lot of claims about trouble with your religious rights. Can you give me one specific example of some sort where the Forest Service caused you to suffer for your religious rights?

Mr. BERNAL. Mr. Chairman, I would like to answer your question in this way: The Governor says that through the Taos Pueblo Indian Reservation, the Forest Service go into this Pueblo Canyon. During the period that we are going in there, he is personally in the summer-time, or in the late fall, my own people go in there with packs, on the road. We got there to find travel by the Forest Service personnel. They go in there, we call it an interruption. We call that disturbances.

Senator ANDERSON. Some Forest Service men go in there and cause you some trouble?