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Statement of Lawrence S. Roberts, Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs,
Regarding Law Enforcement Service at Standing Rock Indian Reservation:

“The Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services respects the rights of tribes and citizens to express their views in a peaceful and lawful manner. The presence of additional BIA law enforcement officers at Standing Rock was provided at the request of tribal leadership. The responsibility of BIA law enforcement officers is to protect the peace and provide for the safety and well-being of the citizens of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and individuals within the territory of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.”

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