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Cliff Mealy photographs of Native
Americans observing 100th Anniversary
of the Battle of the Little Big Horn, 1976

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Cliff Mealy photographs of Native Americans observing 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Little Big Horn
Date:	1976
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.77-72
Creator:	Mealy, Cliff
Extent:	20 Color slides 1 Color print (mounted)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Cliff Mealy, 1977.

Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 77-72, Cliff Mealy photographs of Native Americans observing 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Little Big Horn, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

Cliff Mealy, a New York photographer, traveled to Montana with sponsorship from the Floating Foundation of Photography to document a large ceremony in honor of the Battle of the Little Big Horn. The National Park Service had planned a smaller event for June 24, the day before the anniversary, that many Native Americans were going to boycott, but ultimately members of the American Indian Movement, led by Dakota Indian Russell Means, did participate. The following day's Native American observance began with a sunrise ceremony led by Frank Foolscrew.

Scope and Contents

Photographs made by Cliff Mealy during American Indian Movement ceremonies during the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn. They include images of Russell Means, Austin Two Moons, and Frank Foolscrew at the battlefield and at George Armstrong Custer's gravesite.

Local Call Number(s)

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Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Oglala Lakota (Oglala Sioux)
- Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Cultures:

- Indians of North America -- Great Plains
- Oglala Lakota (Oglala Sioux)
- Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

- American Indian Movement
- Floating Foundation of Photography
- Foolscrew, Frank
- Means, Russell, 1939-
- Two Moon, 1847-1917

Places:

- Little Bighorn Battlefield (Mont.)

Addl. KW Subj

Sioux