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National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE)

President Obama appointed me to serve on NACIE in 2011.

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