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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today that the Minnesota Sioux Indian Tribes presented a Peace Pipe to the United States in a recent White House Ceremony.

Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller accepted the pipe June 25 from Glynn A. Crooks, tribal councilman of the Shakopee-Mdewakanton Sioux Tribe. Crooks called the pipe a symbol of "trust, unity, friendship and peace."

Crooks, acting in behalf of the Minnesota Sioux Inter-Tribal Council, presented the pipe "in commemoration of the American Bicentennial Celebration." He noted that four ribbons hung from the pipe, "representing the four major races of man --yellow, red, black and white. They hang together just as all of us should," he said.