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Developing tour program for late September/early October 1995. Will be titled "Black History of Western States." VERY INTERESTED AND NEEDS all information about black history and contemporary culture in Kansas. Some of the areas we discussed including Buffalo Soldiers and military history, Nicodemus, museums in Wichita and Baxter Springs, Black cowboys, Brown v. Board of Education and the underground railroad. Donna would also like information about art galleries, cultural events and black community leaders that are available to act as evening speakers. Additionally, whenever possible, she will need information about and use black owned hotels, restaurants, etc. However, she realizes this may not always be available and emphasized these properties must be 3-4 star - as this is a very upscale clientele. The tour will be 9-10 days and will be filmed for a documentary that will be distributed to schools and some PBS stations.

Donna needs all types of background information as she is just beginning her research. Some questions she has are: what routing did blacks follow to arrive in Kansas?; what is the specific history of Buffalo Soldiers?; and, any other information that can be provided to her. Also, feel free to direct local historians or black community leaders to speak with her or provide their contact information and she will follow up.

I really enjoyed talking with Donna. She has great ideas and I believe whatever she develops will only assist our tourism efforts - especially the documentary. Please feel free to call her to develop more information.