

February 18, 1963

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Mr. Howard Anderson  
211 North 3rd  
Blackwell, Oklahoma

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Dear Mr. Anderson:

This has further reference to the rejection of your bid on the mineral interests involving a part of the original allotment of Mary Ellis Burrt, Ponca No. 343.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has furnished the enclosed explanation. It appears that the notice you received from the Pawnee Indian Agency was not a notification of high bid, but actually was to ascertain the manner in which you desired to have the deed drafted before submitting for consideration and execution by the Indian heirs. I assume that the same inquiry is made of all persons who have submitted bids, not to the high bidder along.

I was pleased to check into this, and if I can be of further assistance at any time, please let me know.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

ANADARKO AREA OFFICE  
Anadarko, Oklahoma

FEB 15 1963

Hon. A. S. Mike Monroney  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Monroney:

There has been received in this office a copy of your letter of February 4, 1963, addressed to the Superintendent of the Pawnee Indian Agency, concerning bid on mineral interest submitted by Mr. Howard Anderson of Blackwell, Oklahoma, involving a part of the original allotment of Mary Ellis Burrt, Ponca No. 343.

For your reference there is enclosed a copy of the Sale Notice and Invitation For Bids that was released by the Pawnee Area Field Office, Item 86 on the Schedule of Lands being the mineral interest bid on by Mr. Anderson. The terms and conditions of the Invitation for Bids specifically provide that all offers are subject to approval and acceptance by the Area Director of this office with a reserved right to reject any and all bids at any time prior to final approval and delivery of a deed.

We have officially notified Mr. Anderson of the formal rejection of his bid and refunded to him a full payment of the deposit that accompanied his bid. It appears that the misunderstanding that occurred in this transaction was upon Mr. Anderson's misinterpreting the notice he received from the Pawnee Office that he was the high bidder at the sale; whereas, the primary purpose of such notice was to ascertain from the bidder the manner in which he desired to have the deed drafted, as to name of grantee, before submitting for consideration and execution by the Indian heirs. We regret the misunderstanding and if the owners desire to have the property interest readvertised, Mr. Anderson will be notified and have an opportunity to submit a new bid.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) WILL J. PITNER

Area Director

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February 4, 1963

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Superintendent  
Pawnee Indian Agency  
Pawnee, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Attached is a copy of a letter from one of your Field Representatives to Mr. Howard Anderson of Blackwell informing him that his bid on an undivided  $1/2$  mineral interest on certain lands included in the original allotment of Mary Ellis Burrt had been considered and rejected by one of the heirs, Nathaniel Page.

It is my understanding that sales of this nature are handled on a high bid basis, and that the rejection by a single heir is not a sufficient for withdrawal of the offer.

The closed bidding process under the supervision of the Government is surely adequate to protect the best interests of our Indian citizens.

Your investigation of this matter and a prompt report will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure



# United States Senate

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## MEMORANDUM

write <sup>Supt</sup> Ponca agency -

Please check why this high bid on oil property of Ponca Indian, & purchase papers in process - could be withdrawn on objection of one heir.

The closed bidding process and Govt handling surely insured proper supervision



UNITED STATES  
 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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 DECEMBER 20, 1962  
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ITEM NO.	ALLOTMENT NO. & NAME	ACRES	LAND DESCRIPTION AND INFORMATION	LEASES EXPIRE
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MINERAL INTEREST ONLYKAY COUNTY

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86	Ponca 343 MARY ELLIS BURRT	40.00	Sale of all of the Indian owner's right, title and interest to all minerals and mineral estate, heretofore reserved in that certain deed approved January 9, 1958, to David A. Rence, underlying NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28-25N-1E. Oil & Gas lease expires 4-3-69.	
87	Ponca 273 ROSANNA PRIMEAUX	40.00	Sale of all of the Indian owner's right, title and interest to an undivided one-half (1/2) of the minerals and mineral estate, heretofore reserved in that certain deed approved May 19, 1960, to Lee R. Harney and Grace J. Harney, underlying SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 5-25N-2E. Oil & Gas lease expires 4-17-67.	
88	Tonkawa 72 GERTRUDE STEVENS	80.00	Sale of all of the Indian owner's right, title and interest to an undivided one-half (1/2) of the minerals and mineral estate, heretofore reserved in that certain deed approved November 30, 1959, to Ray L. Glenny and Phyllis C. Glenny, underlying E $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14-26N-2W. Not leased.	

OBJECTIVE SUMMARY
 LEASES: 01/10/63  
 BUREAU FIELD OFFICE  
 INDIAN LANDS  
 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 WASHINGTON, D.C.

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 BUREAU FIELD OFFICE



February 8, 1963

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Honorable Mike Monroney  
United States Senate  
Oklahoma City Office  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Ref. to: 40 Acre mineral sale  
described as NE/4 SW/4  
Sec 28-25N-1E, Kay Co.  
Mary Ellis Burrt, Ponca 34

Dear Senator Monroney:

I received a copy of your letter dated February 4, 1963 to the Superintendent of Pawnee Indian Agency referring to the above mineral interest. This mineral interest was sold as Item # 85 on the department's invitational sale # 17, December 20, '62.

I wish to call your attention to a photostat copy of the enclosed invitational sale # 17 referring and describing the sale of the above mineral interest. As the sale calls for 100% interest of the minerals in and to the NE/4 SW/4 Sec 28-25N-1E. Please note that in the Pawnee Area Field Office letter dated January 25, 1963, and addressed to me, they have made an error and referred to this sale as an undivided one-half. I thought it necessary that I call your attention to this error in order that the sale would not be delayed because of such error.

I am very grateful to you for your prompt attention to this matter and would have liked very much to have taken it up with you personally at Oklahoma City while the rest of the boys were there with their various grievances. However I was just dismissed from the hospital a day or two before that time. If you recall, my neighbors Mr. Burns and Mr. Blubaugh were in your office at Oklahoma City.

Thanks again for your courteous cooperation and consideration.

Respectfully yours,

*Howard Anderson*

Howard Anderson

Encls: Photostat copy of Land Sale  
" " " Letter to John L. Johnson 2/6-63  
\* " " Letter from Pawnee Area Field Office 1-25-63

\*This last letter was previously sent to you.



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRSINVITATION NO. 817  
DECEMBER 20, 1962  
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February 6, 1963

Mr. John L. Johnson  
Pawnee Area Field Office  
Pawnee, Oklahoma

Ref: Landsale Consideration  
Item No. 86  
Ponca 343, Mary Ellis Burrt  
All Mineral Rights Underlying  
NE/4 SW/4 Sec 28-25N-1E, 40 acres

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On December 20, 1962 I submitted a sealed bid of \$1,033.00 for the purchase of mineral rights to the above described minerals advertised by your department to be sold to the highest bidder.

During the latter part of December I received a letter from the landsale department advising that I was the successful bidder and requesting that I in turn advise the Interior Department how I desired for the mineral deed to be prepared. I promptly returned to the department the departmental form which you had enclosed in your letter inserting the proper name that I desired to be on the mineral deeds. On or about the middle of January I received a letter from the Interior Department advising that my bid had been rejected by one of the heirs giving no detailed reason for the rejection. On February 1, 1963 I received a memorandum public voucher for refund # 129 attached thereto with a check for \$103.30, representing ten percent of the bid as per advertisement. I am returning the draft # 114,460 in the amount of \$103.30 requesting that it be held on deposit to the credit of the Mary Ellis Burrt heirs until such time as the department has completed this sale as per advertisement.

I have advised you in the past, and am advising you again, that the remaining ninety percent of my bid on the above described mineral rights is available upon your request. The invitation by which this mineral interest was advertised and sold had no reservation whatsoever that the highest bid could be rejected by the heirs so long as it met the appraisal from the Interior Department. Since I was advised that I was the successful bidder to the mineral rights mentioned above in this letter and a request was made by the department for proper authority as to how the deed should be made, I am requesting that this royalty sale be completed in a diligent and proper manner.

Please advise whenever your department is ready for me to forward the remaining ninety percent of the purchase price due on this royalty sale. Thanks very kindly for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Howard Anderson*

Encl. Draft # 114,460

Howard Anderson

cc: H. L. Gardner, Anadarko, Okla.  
cc: Mike Monroney, Wash., D.C.