

February 28, 1963

*Int. Indians*

Mr. Jess J. Humes  
Box 155  
Wapanucka, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Humes:

Thank you for your letter urging that recommendations of anyone to succeed the late Floyd Maytubby as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation be withheld until I hear from the Chickasaws.

I am confident that many Chickasaws, each of whom could serve admirably as Governor, will be recommended to me. As you perhaps know, however, under existing law the Secretary of the Interior is the appointing official. Before the authority was delegated to him, the appointment was made by the President.

I appreciate your writing about this matter. I am hopeful that whoever is eventually appointed as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation will be satisfactory to a majority of the members of the Chickasaw Tribe.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Box 155.

Wapanucka, Okla.

Feb. 26. 1963.

Senator Mike Monroney.

Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator: Our tribal leader (Floyd Maytubby) died, and is to be buried today.

If you have any recommendation as to who the next governor for the Chickasaw Nation tribe of Indians please withhold same till you hear from the Chickasaws.

We have been ignored in the past, and if possible we want our choice as to we would like for our tribal leader.

Very Sincerely,

Joe J. Hermes.