

February 28, 1963

Hon. Harry J. W. Belvin
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Oklahoma City 5, Oklahoma

*Int.
Indians*

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your telegram asking that I recommend to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior that Mr. Overton James be appointed Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to succeed the late Floyd Maytubby.

I appreciate the benefit of your advice on the basis that the Choctaws and Chickasaws hold joint real property and have other mutual interests. While I can act only in an advisory capacity if called upon to do so, you may be sure that I will keep your advice in mind.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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SENATOR MIKE MONRONEY 6203

SENATE OFFICE BLDG WASHDC

CHOCTAWS AND CHICKASAWS HOLD JOINT REAL PROPERTY BESIDES HAVING
OTHER MUTUAL INTERESTS. RECOMMEND AND URGE YOU TO USE YOUR
INFLUENCE WITH COMMISSIONERS OFFICE AND SECRETARY OF INTERIOR
ON BEHALF OF THE APPOINTMENT OF OVERTON JAMES OKLAHOMA CITY
A FULL BLOOD CHICKASAW INDIAN 37 YEARS OF AGE AS GOVERNOR OF
THE CHICKASAW NATION. VACANCY CREATED BY DEATH OF FLOYD E MAYTUBBY
HARRY J W BELVIN PRINCIPAL CHIEF, CHOCTAW NATION
(33).

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY OF MUSKOGEE

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

March 18, 1963

Box 1568

COPY
The Honorable Stewart Udall
Secretary of the Interior
The Honorable Philleo Nash
Commissioners of Indian Affairs
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that the Honorable E. B. Maytubby, a nephew of the late Floyd E. Maytubby, is being considered for the Governorship of the Chickasaw Nation.

I have known Mr. Maytubby for some forty years and have found him to be an honorable, patriotic citizen. He is highly regarded in our community, which is attested by the fact that he has been elected County Treasurer six times and has done a tremendously efficient job in that important office.

The Officers and Directors of this bank recommend Mr. Maytubby for this important position in the Chickasaw Tribe and urge his appointment.

Our bank has always played a prominent part in the affairs of the Indian Tribes of Eastern Oklahoma. We were founded by the late Senator Robert L. Owens, who was a distinguished citizen of the Cherokee Tribe and at the present time, three of our Directors have Cherokee blood. We feel that the office for which Mr. Maytubby is being considered is an extremely important one and we again urge his appointment.

Very truly yours,

H. W. Gibson
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.

P.S. TO. Mike Monroney

Dear Mike: I am sorry I did not know about this deal on Hugh Maytubby as I would have been glad to go up to the Department of the Interior and talk to those people on his behalf. I sincerely hope this appointment can be made.
HWG

Durant, Okla. 3-9-1963.

To Senator Mike Marosney.

I can not refrain from writing this letter as I learned yesterday that Paul Mc. Kinney of Durant ^{and Shreve} was being considered as the man who would probably replace Floyd Maytubby as Gov. of the Chickasaw. Too bad we lost Floyd. He ^{was} a Grade School School mate of my husband and me in the early days in the first Grade Public School ever taught in Caddo - One of the first Public Schools to be opened in Bryan County started in Caddo in 1909. My husband, Floyd Maytubby and I were 3 of the first pupils to enroll - we 3 graduated in the class of 1913.

I learned yesterday Paul Mc. Kinney a boy who has grown up in Durant. I have watched him all through the years grow from baby hood into the staunch well rounded man he is. Paul has personality plus. And always made good in any thing he attempted to do. Uncle Sam interrupted his college days by calling him into world war II. He did his term in the navy through the V12. After finishing the course he came

and resumed his studies in law
when he finished 5 TC with a B.S. degree
he went to work with Southwestern Bell Telephone
while working there he studied Law at
night when transferred to Oklahoma City
he entered Oklahoma ~~city~~ Law School after
fifteen years with telephone company he
resigned and established his law office
in Shawnee. He would be an asset to
any tribe because he does whatever he does
well, being the Christian man he is. He has
good education, is an honest Christian man
a nice little family, a adorable wife and
two small sons.

Senator Morrommy I felt that if you can
say a good word for Mr. Mc Kinney you'll be
glad to do it. Cause I am sure you realize that
Bryan County as well as all the state of Oklahoma
is losing too many of our faithful Democratic
leaders. We need to be training our young
men to take their place in this grand old
Democratic State. If Uncle Sam can use them
in war can't the young men not be used
in government? We are so in need of them.
Anything you can do for Murray Paul McKinney
will be appreciated by all Bryan County.
with a good man like him.

Mrs. A. W. Mason—1744 West Evergreen—Durant, Oklahoma

March 3, 1963.

Mr. Mike Mansoney,
U. S. Senator,
Washington D.C.

Dear Senator Mansoney:

As a member of the Tribal
Council for the Chickasaws
here in Oklahoma, I am
most interested in the
appointment of the successor
to the late Lloyd E. Maytubby
Governor of the Chickasaws.

I should appreciate
greatly your consideration
of Mr. E. B. Maytubby of

Mrs. A. W. Mason—1744 West Evergreen—Durant, Oklahoma

Thank you for this
position.

Thanking you, I am
Most Sincerely
Mrs. Albert Mason

First Baptist Church

W. F. STATON, TH.D., PASTOR

BICKFORD AT LONDON

EL RENO, OKLAHOMA

PASTOR'S STUDY

March 5, 1963

The Honorable Mike Monroney
United States Senator
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Two years ago I wrote in reference to the appointment of Mr. Overton James as Governor of the Chickasaw Tribe. As you know, a few days ago Mr. Floyd Maytubby, who was Governor of the Chickasaw Tribe, died. Again, I would like to call your attention to the qualifications of this most worthy member of the Chickasaw Tribe.

He is presently serving as President of the Chickasaw Tribal Council and as President of the Chickasaw-Choctaw Confederation. Since you stated your policy two years ago as being on the basis of service to the tribe, I am sure that this and other tribal activities are highly relevant to this appointment. You certainly agree that such an appointment should be given to vigorous men and not restricted to any certain group or family.

I have known Mr. James for almost eight years. During my last pastorate at Shattuck, Oklahoma, he was a member of my church and a Sunday school teacher. The entire family are very active in their interest and support of the church. He was high school coach and very active in community and civic affairs. I do not believe I have ever seen a coach give a better example of what a real gentleman should be than Mr. James.

In my experiences with him, I have been impressed by his compelling personality and creative leadership ability. He did much to improve the city recreational program during his residence in Shattuck. He made rapid advancement in F. E. Compton & Co. for whom he was District Manager until after ownership of the Company changed. He is presently serving as Counselor for Draughn's Business College.

Cordially,



W. F. Staton

Dear Senator
Munnery,

If you can help
my former student
to receive this ap-
pointment, we
shall surely thank
you. He is a peach
of a boy.
I hope you

are well by now.

Thank you.

Sally Lemon & L

I want

Southeastern State College

Durant, Oklahoma

5 March, 1963

Re: Murray Paul McKinney
Applicant for Governor of the Chickasaws

The Honorable Stewart Udall
Secretary of the Interior
The Cabinet
The United States Government
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

It affords me delight to recommend Murray Paul McKinney of Shawnee for the Governor of the Chickasaws, a position only recently made vacant.

I have known this young man all of his life and I have taught him at the college level. He is a fourth generation Chickasaw born in this area. His mother, Mrs. Ben McKinney, Durant, is registered on the rolls as case #3276. His parental background is distinguished and by blood he is well suited for this position.

He is a handsome young man. He is neat and well groomed and presents a most attractive personal appearance. He is young and vigorous, being thirty-seven years of age. In view of his youth, he will have a long period of service with your department.

Mr. McKinney is intelligent. He did excellent work in my classes and he was a great addition to any class. He took an active part and fulfilled his responsibilities as a student satisfactorily.

Mr. McKinney's command of the English language is noteworthy and his ease in speaking and communication is unique in highly blooded Indians who are usually reticent. I think that this ability is a requirement for a position of this nature. He is affiliated with civic clubs and is aggressive in all civic affairs.

I sincerely believe that Murray Paul is a fine Christian gentleman and that he possesses the personality and mind which make him peculiarly fitted for this position.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Sally Leonard
Professor of Psychology
and Education

SL:gc

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BOX 445

Durant, Oklahoma

March 8, 1963

Honorable Mike Monroney
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

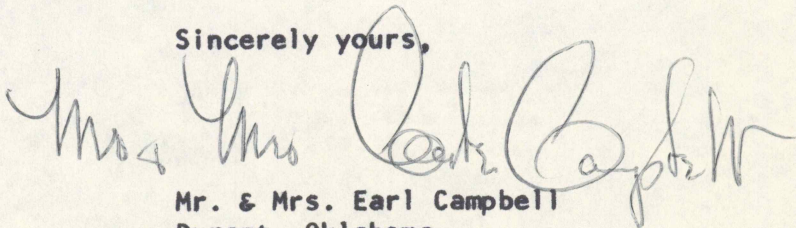
Dear Senator Monroney:

This letter is written to urge and support the appointment of Murray Paul McKinney of Shawnee, Oklahoma as Governor of the Chickasaws. We have known him since he was a small boy, and feel that with his character, education, experience and ability, he is well qualified for this position. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ben A. McKinney of Durant, are members of two of the finest and oldest Indian families in Bryan County. His mother is enrolled in the Chickasaw Tribe, and his father in the Choctaw Tribe.

Murray Paul finished High School in Durant and got his degree from Southeastern State College here. He worked for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for fifteen years, receiving promotions during this time, and was made District Manager of that company at Shawnee, where he served until he resigned in July, 1962 to enter private law practice. While working for Southwestern Bell, he attended law school at the Oklahoma City University, receiving his law degree in 1962. He is now a member of the law firm of Parsons & McKinney, Masonic Building, Shawnee.

Being neighbors and friends of the family, we personally know of the clean character and high quality of this young man. He is married and has a fine family. He actively participates in civic and community affairs, and gives his best efforts to whatever he undertakes. If he should be appointed Governor of the Chickasaws, we feel confident he would serve them with honesty, integrity and ability.

Sincerely yours,

A large, flowing handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mrs. Earl Campbell".

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Campbell
Durant, Oklahoma

Tuliant, Oklahoma
1324 West Elm.
March 6, 1963.

The Hon. Mike Monroney
Senator from Oklahoma,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing concerning the appointment
of a Governor for the Chickasaw,
and would like to ask you to
consider the appointment of Murray Paul
McKinney, age 37, an Attorney-at-Law
of the the firm of Parsons & McKinney
Shawnee, Okla.

I am a member of the Oklahoma Club
(Indian Women) and a Grand-Daughter-
in-Law of the late Douglas H. Johnston,
who served until his death as Governor
and I feel that Mr McKinney is
well qualified. Your Consideration
will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,
Zera Gardner Johnston.
(Mrs Ralph H. Johnston.)

718 West Pine

Durant, Okla.

March 4, 1963

Senator Mike Mansfield.
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator;

We wish
to urge the appointment
of Murray Paul McKinney
as Governor of the Chickasaws.
Mr. McKinney is a native
of Durant, and is a descend-
ant of the Collins family, one
of the oldest families. He is
a relative of the late Rep. Charles
D. Carter. He is a handsome
and personable young man.
A graduate of Southeastern
State College and took his
degree in law from Okla.
City University. He was
an outstanding student
and a leader in student
activities - organizing The
Tribes Council, a club for
students of Indian blood.
Before taking his law

degree Mr. M^r Kinney served
as manager of the Bell
Telephone Co. in Shawnee,
Okla. for ten years.

We think he is the most
qualified candidate for
Chickasaw Governor
and urge that he be given
every consideration.

Very Sincerely
Laurie Ellen Rennie
Mrs. Alex Rennie



THE SUPREME COURT

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DENVER N. DAVISON
JUSTICE

March 5, 1963

Senator Mike Monroney
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mike:

This is to advise you that my friend, Paul McKinney, an attorney of Shawnee, Oklahoma, is an applicant for the appointment of Governor of the Chickasaw Indians in Oklahoma to succeed the late Floyd Maytubby.

Mr. McKinney is 38 years of age and is truly an outstanding citizen in every way. He is very impressive in appearance, conversation and personality. He has an A.B. degree from Southeastern College at Durant, Oklahoma, and an LL.B degree from Oklahoma City University. Immediately prior to his entering the law firm of Parsons & McKinney of Shawnee, as a partner, he had been District Manager of the Shawnee District for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for a period of ten years.

Mr. McKinney has an excellent Indian background and I am enclosing herewith a statement covering his background and Indian ancestry.

I am sure that Mr. McKinney would be an excellent Chief of the Chickasaws. The members of the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians would be proud of his efficient and dignified leadership. His type of leadership would be beneficial to all American Indians.

Trusting you are getting along nicely in every way, I am

Your friend

Denver N. Davison
Denver N. Davison

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JOHNSTON MURRAY ✓
ATTORNEY AT LAW

SUITE 308 MIDWEST BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY 2, OKLAHOMA

March 26, 1963

Hon. Mike Monroney, Member
United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

Since the untimely death of the Hon. Floyd Maytubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Indian Tribe, a vacancy has existed in that important position.

During the past few weeks there has been some activity in behalf of Mr. Maytubby and Mr. James as a successor in this office vacancy. It is possible that you have been asked to lend your support to one or both. Now, with a thorough knowledge and understanding of political things, there is a presumption on my part that you might be committed.

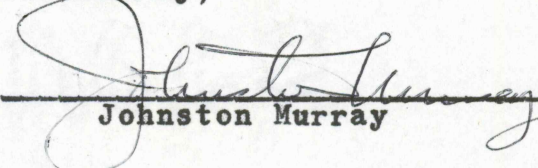
With this understanding, I solicit your support of me as your second choice provided a "situation" should develop. Frankly, the element of "too old" or "too young" might possibly come into the final consideration of qualifications for the ultimate appointment.

I am an enrolled Chickasaw, sixty years of age and was born in the "White House" of my tribe at Emet, I.T. This was the home of my uncle, Douglas H. Johnston, who named me and who served as Governor for forty years. Officially I have been adopted by nine tribes other than my own. I was named "The Outstanding Indian of the United States" in 1954. Last fall I was given a life time membership as a Director of the Board for the Indian Hall of Fame at Anadarko.

In 1954 I made forty-three speeches in Spanish in nine South American countries appearing as Piel Rojo (Red Skin) for our U.S.I.A. in answer to the "Voice of Moscow's" charges of cruelty to the American Indians by the United States.

Anything you might be able to do to help if the situation will allow it will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Johnston Murray

JM:jbs

Chamber of Commerce

Muskogee, Oklahoma

March 23, 1963

The Honorable Stewart Udall
Secretary of the Interior

The Honorable Philleo Nash
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Department of Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Whereas a vacancy exists in the Office of Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, and

Whereas it is within your realm to select the individual who shall fill this responsible office,

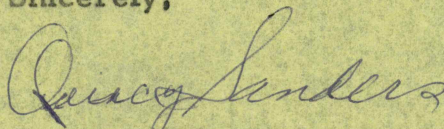
The Board of Directors of the Muskogee Chamber of Commerce join with his many friends in urging the appointment of Mr. E. B. Maytubby of Muskogee, Oklahoma, to this office.

Because of Muskogee's historic and filial relationship to the local Regional Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and all that concerns our citizens of Indian ancestry, the Chamber of Commerce has named Mr. Maytubby as Chairman of its Committee on Indian Affairs and he has served well in this capacity for several years. He has also been quite active in the other affairs of his community, state and nation.

A life-long Democrat, Mr. Maytubby has served Muskogee County for six terms as County Treasurer. His integrity and sincerity are examples for the people of his community to follow and to admire.

Your favorable consideration will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Quincy Sanders, President
MUSKOGEE Chamber of Commerce

THE REGISTER PUBLISHING COMPANY

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Blue Ribbon Weekly Of
Oklahoma, 1936; 1938

223 West Main Street ☎ ☎ Purcell, Oklahoma

March 14, 1963

Honorable Mike Monroney
U. S. Senator
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mike:

We inter-married citizens, around Purcell and McClain county are interested in the appointment of E. B. Maytubby, of Muskogee as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. Mr. Maytubby has been active in tribal affairs and is widely known among the members of the Chickasaw Tribe and their descendants. Mr. Maytubby is entirely worthy of this honor and would be highly acceptable to all Chickasaws everywhere.

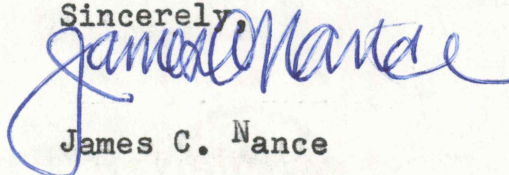
We have been longtime associates of the Maytubby family and we know them to be of the highest qualifications and popular among the Indian people.

We would appreciate anything you may do for Mr. Maytubby in obtaining this appointment.

I have been planning a visit to Washington for some time but it looks like I will not be able to make the visit before my grandson, Tom McCurdy finishes his schooling at Fort Holabird, Maryland. I would like very much to talk with you in person about the let down in the democrat party organization. If you do not intervene and help set up a true democrat organization with Simon pure democrat procedure the party is apt to suffer further defeat in the next election. The grass root convention must be reestablished and the state convention with platform and program must also be reestablished.

Hope to see you here or there some day before the next election.

Sincerely,



James C. Nance

308-A South Main
Lindsay, Oklahoma
March 14, 1963

Honorable Mike Monroney
Senate Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mike:

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of the appointment of Mr. E. B. Maytubby, Muskogee, Oklahoma, as governor of the Chickasaw Tribe.

It has been my pleasure to have known members of the Maytubby family practically all my life. I grew up in Durant, Oklahoma, and the family of the late Floyd Maytubby lived in Caddo, just north of Durant for several years. They were fine people, and as you know Floyd was governor of the Chickasaw Tribe for many, many years, and Mr. E. B. Maytubby certainly is capable of carrying on the work of Floyd, as governor of the Chickasaw Tribe.

As a personal favor to me, I would appreciate your aid in the above appointment.

Yours very truly,



Elbert Pryor, Manager
Lindsay Chamber of Commerce

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OFFICE OF
COUNTY COURT, McCLAIN COUNTY
RAY G. WILSON, JUDGE
PURCELL, OKLAHOMA

March 12, 1963

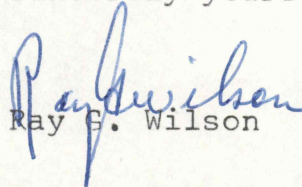
Honorable Mike Monroney
U.S. Senator of Oklahoma
U.S. Senate Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Monroney:

I would like to join with the Indian Endorsement
of Honorable E.B. Maytubby for Governor of the Chickasaw
Tribe of Oklahoma.

Mr. Maytubby has long been an active member of our
tribe and has given much of his time and energy for the
Chickasaws of Oklahoma and I think would make an outstand-
ing Governor for the Chickasaws and would reflect credit
on our Tribe and those that were instrumental in securing
his appointment.

Sincerely yours,


Ray G. Wilson

WILSON AND SMITH

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

223 W. MAIN STREET

PURCELL, OKLAHOMA

PURMAN WILSON
NORMAN A. SMITH

PHONE LA 7-2111
P. O. BOX 127

March 12, 1963

Honorable Mike Monroney
U.S. Senator of Oklahoma
U.S. Senate Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Monroney:

I desire to register my endorsement for the Honorable E.B. Maytubby of Muskogee, Oklahoma, for the appointment of Governor of the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

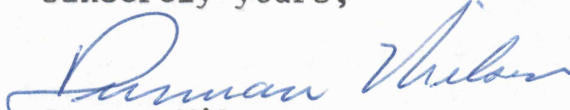
I have served on the Governor's Advisory Board with Mr. Maytubby and also as a member of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes and know that he has given a lot of time and thought to the problems of the Chickasaws in Oklahoma.

I believe that he has earned this appointment.

There are many Chickasaws that would like to have the honor of being appointed, as Governor for their own personal reasons, but I believe that the appointment should be made as it was originally to those who have earned that appointment by their work, labor and interest in the Tribe.

I shall count it a personal favor to you if you will lend Mr. Maytubby your support and influence in securing this appointment.

Sincerely yours,


Purman Wilson

PW:kw

PURCELL SEED AND GRAIN CO.

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PURCELL, OKLAHOMA

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March 6, 1963

Senator A. S. Monroney,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mike:

It is my understanding that there will be an immediate appointment for the office of Governor of the Chickasaws to succeed the late Governor Floyd Maytubby.

As a member of the Advisory Committee of the Chickasaw Nation, I am deeply concerned ~~that~~ the right man be appointed and I recommend and urge the appointment of Mr. E. B. Maytubby for this office. He is a man of integrity and of honor, a leader in his community and because of his many years of participation in Indian Affairs is fully capable of being Governor and of carrying out the program of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Your old friend my mother, Mrs Jessie E. Moore, who was on the Council of the Chickasaws for thirty years, considered Mr. E. B. Maytubby an out-standing Chickasaw leader and I know if she were alive today would want him for Governor.

I will appreciate it deeply if you will endorse Mr. E. B. Maytubby for Governor of the Chickasaws.

With warm personal regards to you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Imogene Moore Rockwood

Mrs Roy O. Rockwood,
R. R. 1,
Wayne, Oklahoma.

MILLER, MELONE, WILSON, ADAMS & ROGERS

GEORGE MILLER
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LAWYERS

FIRST EQUITY BUILDING 14 NORTH ROBINSON AVENUE

OKLAHOMA CITY 2, OKLAHOMA

CENTRAL 6-8541

March 25, 1963

Honorable Mike Monroney
United States Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Monroney:

The Chickasaws, as you know, have recently lost an honored and valuable leader. Floyd Maytubby had served long and well and it was my good fortune to have called him friend and to have become well acquainted with him during the final few years of his life.

It now becomes our task to select a new leader for the Chickasaws; one who will represent us with honor and dignity in keeping with the heritage we have received from those who have walked the trail of history before us.

It is my privilege to recommend Paul McKinney for the position of Governor of the Chickasaw Tribe. Paul is an attorney with the law firm of Parsons and McKinney, Shawnee, Oklahoma. He is a tall, handsome young man of outstanding ability and possessed of the leadership attributes required of such a position. Paul would lend dignity and integrity to the position and would be a valuable representative for Oklahoma in our Indian affairs in Washington.

I will also point out that Paul was a strong supporter of yours during the recent election, although he had no reason to take full credit with you at that time. He was instrumental in arranging the highly successful Shawnee rally during the general election. As you know I was office manager for the State Democratic Headquarters and thus was in a position to know of Paul's activities.

I am anxious for you to meet Paul personally for I feel a personal acquaintance is desirable. If you are coming

Honorable Mike Monroney
March 25, 1963

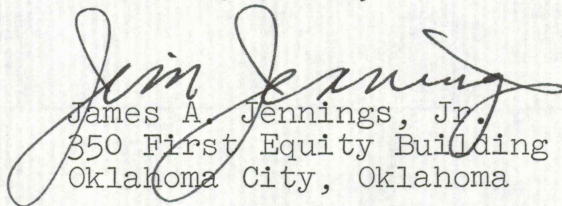
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to Oklahoma soon, let me arrange a meeting. Paul will be pleased to come to Washington to see you, if you feel this is desirable.

As a Chickasaw, I am very interested in Paul McKinney being appointed Governor, and I urge your support of his candidacy.

Please let me have a status report of the position as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,



James A. Jennings, Jr.
350 First Equity Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Shawnee, Okla
Mar. 12. 63.

Senator Mike Monroney.

Washington, D.C.

Kind Sir- Since the death
of Mr. Maytubby the Chickasaw
Indians are without a leader.
I am Paul M. Kenney's
nephew and feel that I know
him well enough to ask
you to do what you can
to help him get the peace.
I'm sure he would try to
get things done and will
work in Peace and harmony
with all concerned.
He is a real Christian and
is qualified to be put in
as Governor. I'm sure you
will not have cause to re-
gret any thing you can do.
May God guide you in
making your decision. I thank you

Mr. M. Kenney

Caddo Okla

3-6-63

Mr Mike Monroney,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Monroney,

I am a Chickasaw Indian and
am interested in the appointment
of our Governor to replace the
late Floyd Maytubby.

It is my opinion that Paul
McKinney of Shawnee would
fill this place most successfully
and effectively.

Paul was born and reared
in Bryan Co. the son of Mr.
and Mrs Ben Mc. Kinney of
Durant. He is a descendent of

a prominent pioneer Chickasaw family being the great grand son of the late Mrs Dan Collins of Colbert who was a descendent of the well known Chickasaw Colbert family of Mississippi. (Our first Governor of the Chickasaw nation was Cyrus Harris also a descendent of this same Colbert family.)

Paul M. Kinney is an intelligent young man with high moral standards, well educated, active in civic and church work, a good speaker, a good family man, a young man with ideas.

He graduated from Southeastern State College, Durant, received his law degree from Okla. City University and attended Okla. University. He was manager of Bell Telephone Company for fifteen years and is now a practicing attorney in Shawnee - with the firm of Parsons and McKinney at the Masonic Bldg.

We would appreciate the appointment of Paul M. McKinney as Governor of the Chickasaws in Oklahoma.

Respectfully Yours,
Mrs. Henry F. Bass.

3/30/63

RESOLUTION

Whereas, a vacancy now exists in the office of the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation and

Whereas, the rank and file Chickasaw desires a voice in the selection of the man to be placed in this important office, and

Whereas, the announced policy of the Government of the United States is to give the Indians more responsibility and more voice in affairs affecting themselves,

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Choctaw-Chickasaw Confederation in meeting assembled at McAlester, Oklahoma, this the 30th day of March, 1963, go on record as endorsing the candidacy of Overton James, a 5/8 Chickasaw Indian and a native of Johnston County in the Old Chickasaw Nation, for appointment as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Be it Further Resolved that the original of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C., and a copy to each of the following:

Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Virgil N. Harrington, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Muskogee, Oklahoma and to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Grady L. Anderson
Chairman and 2nd Vice-President

/s/ Mrs. Johnson Perry
Acting Secretary

W. F. SEMPLE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
ATLAS LIFE BUILDING
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

March 27, 1963

AIRMAIL

Senator MIKE Monroney
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

In re: Successor to Floyd Maytubby, deceased,
as Governor of the Chickasaw Tribe of
Indians.

Dear Senator:

I understand that Overton James is being suggested as successor to the late Floyd Maytubby, and I want you to endorse his application. According to my information I would regard him as a very acceptable man for the place, made vacant by the death of Governor Maytubby.

Yours very truly,


W. F. Semple

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CARTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

P. O. Box 440

WILSON, OKLAHOMA

March 21, 1963

The Honorable A.S. ("Mike") Monroney
United States Senator

and

The Honorable J. Howard Edmondson
United States Senator.

Dear Senators;

I am writing you in behalf of a young man, Overton James, 6044 N.W. 60th. Street Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for your consideration to be the next Governor or Principal Chief of the Chickasaws. He was born at Bromide, Johnson County, grew to manhood in the town of Wapanucka attending grade and high school there then attending Southeastern at Durant where he received his B.A. and Masters. Tish-Imingo being the county seat of the county was also the capitol of Chickasaw Nation. It would be fitting for the Chief to be from Johnson county.

I have known Overton all his life. You see Bromide and Wapunucka are only a few miles from the town of Pontotoc from where I hailed, in fact my mother and two of my sisters still reside there. Some of the James family also still live in the Pontotoc community.

If you will check the history of the Chickasaws you will find the name of Overton very prominent. In fact Chief Overton was one of the better known and loved Chiefs before coming to Oklahoma.

Overton is by degree of blood five-eighths Chickasaw his father and mother are both enrolled members of the Chickasaw Nation. His step-father, Jess Hulme, is very highly respected in tribal council. He is one of the oldest living Chickasaws.

This young Indian man has a very distinguished record and the qualifications to make one of the best Governors the Chickasaws have ever had. He is well educated, served his Country in World War II, is one of the few of the younger members of the Chickasaw tribe to take an active part in the Choctaw-Chickasaw Confederation. As you know he is at this time President of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Confederation and the Chickasaw tribal council.

It is true that I am very active in the Democratic Party and have been for many years but this letter is written not only from a political standpoint but as a person with first hand knowledge of what I think would be best for our people. For you see I am a member of the Chickasaw, my mother being an enrolled member of the Chickasaw tribe.

I understand that he has the backing of Harry J.W. Belvin, Principal Chief of the Choctaws.

J. D. LEWIS
Chairman

MRS. VERA ALFORD
Sec.-Treas.

MRS. MYRTLE BERRYHILL
Co-Chairman




CARTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

P. O. Box 440
WILSON, OKLAHOMA

I am very intrested in the Choctaws also. You see my wife is a member of the Choctaw tribe, her father being an enrolled member. In fact where we live on the farm at Wilson was my wife's father's allotment.

Would appreciate your giving this man every consideration.

Sincerely,


J.D. Lewis

CC to:
Carl Albert
Harry J.W. Belvin

805 Avenue B
South Houston, Texas
March 4, 1963

The Honorable Mike Monroney
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Monroney:

I wrote you August 27, 1961, and asked you to help the Chickasaws by recommending to Secretary of Interior Stewart Udall that Overton James be appointed tribal governor of the Chickasaws that October. You replied that through the years you had consistently refrained from attempting to influence the Secretary of Interior in behalf of any candidate for the appointment; however, you were kind enough to write Secretary Udall a letter and send him the letters you had received from Chickasaws expressing their desire to have Overton James appointed governor. We wanted Overton James appointed our tribal governor very much that October; but in spite of our efforts to accomplish this, we failed. Secretary Udall, for reasons we have never been able to understand, again saw to it that Floyd Maytubby continued as our governor.

As you know, Governor Maytubby died February 24, and the office of tribal governor is now vacant. Chickasaws still want Overton James as governor, and I am again asking that you recommend to Secretary Udall that Overton James be appointed our governor. As a member of the Chickasaw Tribal Council, I say without the slightest hesitation that were we free to elect a man to fill the present vacancy, Overton James would have no trouble becoming our tribal governor. He would be swept into that office by an overwhelming vote of our people. But such is not the case. We have no vote and, it seems, very little voice in the matter. However, we continue to plead to those who can help us. That's all we can do. Just Plead for help.

I hope, Sir, you will not ignore our plea for help at this time. I hope you will use your influence now in behalf of Overton James. I can assure you that your kindness in this matter will not soon be forgot by our people.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Kingsbery, Jr.
Robert H. Kingsbery, Jr.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

March 5, 1963

Honorable A. W. "Mike" Monroney
United States Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Monroney:

You are aware of the vacancy in the position of Governor of the Chickasaw Nation as a result of the death of Floyd Maytubby, who served as Governor for many years. As you know, this appointment will be made by the Secretary of the Interior upon recommendations received from members of the Oklahoma congressional delegation.

A personal friend, Mr. Overton James, is being considered for this position. I would like to endorse Mr. James and will appreciate any favorable support that you can give him.

Mr. James is well qualified. He is thirty-seven years of age, holds a Master's degree from Southeastern State College, has taught school for ten years, and is of five-eighths degree Chickasaw Indian blood. Both his mother and his father are enrolled members of the Chickasaw tribe. I have known Overton for about fifteen years. He is well liked in Durant and in Bryan County. He has taken an active part in Chickasaw tribal affairs for a number of years, and is president of the Chickasaw Tribal Council and president of the Choctaw-Chickasaw confederacy.

Again, Senator Monroney, any favorable support you can give Mr. James will be greatly appreciated by me personally.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John Massey".

John Massey
State Representative
Bryan County Office No. 1

JM:jb



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OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA

TELEPHONE
SKYLINE 6-5567

March 7, 1963

Honorable A. S. Mike Monroney
The Senate
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Many have been saddened by the recent death of Floyd Maytubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Indians. His presence and influence will be missed among us. I am glad to have known him and had him for a friend.

With his passing the Indian Department will doubtless be looking for a successor. I feel that the Department would appreciate suggestions. Therefore, I would like to suggest the name of Mr. Overton James, 6044 Northwest 60th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as one who should fill this position well.

Mr. James is president of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Confederation, and is chairman of the Chickasaw Tribal Council. He was elected to both these positions by the tribes, which is indicative of his esteem among the people.

Mr. James is 5/8 Chickasaw Indian. He adjusts well to both Indian and non-Indian environment. He is 37 years old, has a masters degree from Southeastern College, Durant, Oklahoma. He is presently employed by Draughn's Business College in Oklahoma City as a counselor. Mr. James is a veteran of World War II. He has a pleasing personality. His physical bearing is also pleasing. He is cooperative and able.

All my life has been spent among the Indians and I believe Mr. James has the qualities that will make him a respected and able leader. I am a Choctaw Indian and General Missionary to Creek and Seminole Indians. I am president of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes. Thus, I am in a position to observe the needs and desires of the people. I want to add that though I am president of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, I speak only for myself regarding Mr. James.

I certainly will appreciate any favorable consideration and assistance you can give Mr. James regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

B. Frank Belvin

B. Frank Belvin
General Missionary to
Creek and Seminole Indians

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805 Avenue B
South Houston, Texas
March 16, 1963

The Honorable Mike Monroney
U. S. Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Monroney:

I wrote you March 4 asking that you please help get the Chickasaws a governor they want by recommending to Sectretary Udall that Overton James be appointed our new governor.

Since I have not heard from you, I have been thinking maybe my letter got lost in the mail. I just cannot believe you would ignore my letter had you received it, for in the past you have always been very courteous by your prompt replies.

Senator Monroney, from the bottom of my heart, I again plead with you to help fulfill the wishes of the Chickasaw rank and file by your recommendation of Mr. James as Chickasaw governor.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Kingsbery, Jr.
Robert H. Kingsbery, Jr.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

March 21, 1963

CLARENCE D. ROBERTSON, JR.
JOHNSTON COUNTY

HOME ADDRESS
WAPANUCKA, OKLA.

OFFICE
STATE CAPITOL
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

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Honorable Mike Monroney
United States Senator
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

I would like to recommend Overton James to the position of Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

I have known Mr. James for the past 25 years and have always found him to be a sincere and conscientious person. I think he is well qualified for this position and would do an excellent job representing the people.

I have talked with several of his people and they all agree that he would be a good man for the job. I am enclosing some personal data of Mr. James for your consideration.

I will appreciate any consideration given to Mr. James.

Sincerely,

Clarence Robertson Jr.

Clarence Robertson, Jr.
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

CRJr/dp

Enc.

March 4, 1963

Hon. Wilburn Cartwright
Oklahoma Corporation Commission
State Capitol
Oklahoma City 5, Oklahoma

Dear Wilburn:

Many thanks for your letter recommending the appointment of Mr. Overton James to succeed the late Floyd E. Maytubby as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

As you know, the authority to make this appointment is vested in the Secretary of the Interior. While I can act only in an advisory capacity if called upon to do so, you may be sure that I will keep you advice in mind.

Your interest in Mr. James is appreciated, and I want to thank you once again for writing in his behalf.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

HAROLD FREEMAN
CHAIRMAN

RAY C. JONES
VICE-CHAIRMAN

WILBURN CARTWRIGHT
COMMISSIONER

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CARL B. MITCHELL
SECRETARY

Corporation Commission

OKLAHOMA CITY 5, OKLAHOMA



February 28, 1963

Honorable Mike Monroney
United States Senator
Washington, D. C.

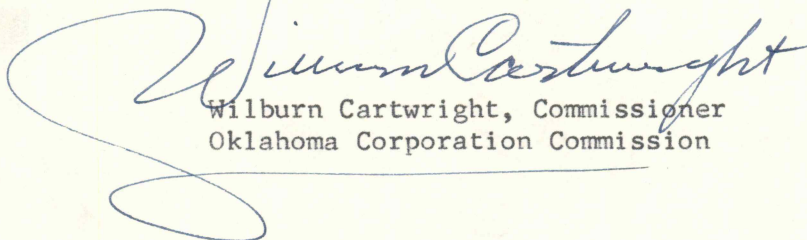
Dear Mike:

May I prevail upon you by recommending Overton James as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. I understand that someone will be appointed to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of Mr. Floyd Maytubby.

Overton is from my home town of Wapanucka and I have known him and his family for many years. Attached is a data sheet setting forth his qualifications. Overton has a sincere personal interest in his fellow tribesmen. It is my opinion that he would represent his people in such a way as to make them proud to be Chickasaw Indians. He has been active in tribal affairs, holding the elected position of President of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Confederation and the Chickasaw Tribal Council. I believe that he will take active steps to unite the Tribe.

I should like to take this opportunity in asking that all due consideration be given to Overton James as the next Chickasaw Governor.

Very truly yours,



Wilburn Cartwright, Commissioner
Oklahoma Corporation Commission

WC:cr

Enclosure

PERSONAL DATA:

Name: Overton (none) James
Address: 6044 N. W. 60th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Age: 37 Yrs., Birthplace: Bromide, Oklahoma, July 21, 1925
Height: 6 Feet Weight: 183 Pounds Health: Excellent
Marital Status: Married, One daughter, Age 15

EDUCATION:

High School: Wapanucka, Oklahoma, graduated in 1942
College: Southeastern State, Durant, Oklahoma
Graduated in 1949, B. A. degree,
Major: Sociology-Economics
Graduate School: Southeastern State, Masters degree, 1955
Special: Dale Carnegie Course in 1960

EXPERIENCE:

Draughons School of Business, 713 North Broadway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 1962 to present. Position: Counselor

F. E. Compton & Company, Classen Terrace Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 1959 to January 1962. Position: State Sales Manager

Shattuck School:	Shattuck, Oklahoma	1955 to 1959	Position: Teacher-Coach
Caddo School:	Caddo, Oklahoma	1951 to 1955	Position: Teacher-Coach
Ravia School:	Ravia, Oklahoma	1949 to 1951	Position: Teacher-Coach

MILITARY:

United States Navy, October 8, 1943 to January 16, 1946 Honorable Discharge

AFFILIATIONS:

Mason, V. F. W., and Elks

I hold the elected positions of President of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Confederation and the Chickasaw Tribal Council.

My degree of Chickasaw Indian Blood is 5/8ths, both my father and mother are enrolled members.

March 1, 1963

*Sub.
Indians*

Hon. W. J. Holloway
Attorney at Law
First National Building
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Governor:

Many thanks for your telegram recommending the appointment of Mr. E. B. Maytubby of Muskogee to succeed the late Floyd E. Maytubby as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

I am very grateful for the benefit of your advice. It may be of interest to you to know that it coincides with the recommendation of the Chickasaw Advisory Committee.

As you know, the authority to make this appointment is vested in the Secretary of the Interior. While I can act only in an advisory capacity if called upon to do so, you may be sure that I will keep your views in mind.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

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SENATOR MIKE MONRONEY 6203

SENATE OFFICE BLDG WASHDC

HOPE YOU CAN SUPPORT E B MAYTUBBY OF MUSKOGEE FOR GOVERNOR
OF CHOCTAW NATION

W J HOLLOWAY

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