

March 1, 1963

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Mr. Overton James
6044 NW 60th Street
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Mr. James:

Thank you for your letter and attached background information regarding your desire to be appointed Governor of the Chickasaw National to succeed the late Floyd Maytubby.

As you of course know, this appointment was formerly made by the President, but the authority has been transferred to 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 your interest in the appointment will be kept in mind.

Thank you once again for writing, and with best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

6044 N.W. 60
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 27, 1963

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

Dear Senator Monroney:

The recent death of Floyd Maytubby Governor of the Chickasaw Nation has created a vacancy for this position. I would again like to be considered for this appointment.

I have for the past several years been very active in Chickasaw tribal affairs and have a sincere interest in the welfare of my people. I am now President of the Chickasaw Tribal Council and President of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Confederation; these are elected positions by members of the tribes. Approximately 2500 members were present when I was elected President of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Confederation.

I am aware of the authority for the appointment of a Governor for the Chickasaw Nation. In the past, names of qualified members have been recommended by tribal members and by members of the Oklahoma Congressional delegation to the Secretary of the Interior who makes the appointment. I earnestly solicit your support in this appointment.

I was reared and educated at Wapanucka, Oklahoma, graduating from high school in 1942. Worked one year in a shipyard before entering the United States Navy. After my discharge I entered college graduating in 1949. I earned a masters degree in 1955. For ten years I was a public school teacher and athletic coach. Almost three years I was State Sales Manager for F. E. Compton & Co. and am presently employed by Draughons Business College.

If an election could be held among the Chickasaws, which I realize is not feasible, I feel confident the Chickasaw people would select me as Governor.

Senator Monroney, I would welcome the opportunity to meet and talk with you personally regarding this position.

Sincerely yours,


Overton James

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Overton (none) James
Address: 6044 N. W. 60, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Age: 37, 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, Teacher-Coach
Caddo School: Caddo, Oklahoma, 1951 to 1955, Teacher-Coach
Ravia School: Ravia, Oklahoma, 1949 to 1951, 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.