

April 24, 1963

*Int. -  
Indians*

The Honorable Earl Welch  
Justice of The Supreme Court  
State Capitol  
Oklahoma City 5, Oklahoma

Dear Earl:

Many thanks for your letter regarding the delay in appointing a new Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to succeed the late Governor Floyd Maytubby.

While the advice of the United States Senators is generally requested in making an appointment such as this, the appointment is not considered to be senatorial patronage. The choice usually represents the views of a majority of the delegation, acknowledged Indian leaders, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

I will check to determine whether there is any unusual delay or opposition which might be holding up this appointment.

With best personal regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,





THE SUPREME COURT

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

EARL WELCH  
JUSTICE

April 22, 1963

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

Dear Mike:

Note enclosed copy of letter we thought we should send to Mr. Udall.

Several have referred to this appointment as anciently being in the nature of Senatorial patronage and that perhaps it might be so considered at this time. I would not know about that, but I have heard that expression made by several including my Congressman, Carl Albert.

We will all appreciate your taking some further steps on this appointment in the near future, and if you and Senator Edmondson could go to see the Secretary I believe that would get the job done and all would appreciate it.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Earl Welch", is written over the typed name.

Earl Welch, Chairman  
Chcikasaw Advisory Committee

EW/gh

Jack - MM says similar letter  
to "the one Edmondson wrote  
to" (Shoemake?)

presume it also applies to  
Earl Welch



# United States Senate

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## MEMORANDUM

Overton James, also a candidate for Gov. of Chickasaws, came in April 18th - saw Don, had lunch with Beth, Don, Truman, & Charlie Ward,

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April 20, 1963

Mr. Stewart L. Udall  
Secretary of the Interior  
Department of the Interior Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Earlier this week Mr. Overton James of Oklahoma City was in Washington presenting his desire to be appointed Chickasaw Governor instead of Mr. E. B. Maytubby of Muskogee, who was unanimously endorsed by the Chickasaw Advisory Committee, the only group of Chickasaws officially organized and recognized.

It is understood that Mr. James has been fully received in Washington, and has been granted interviews by members of the State Delegation in the Senate and House, and by officials of the Interior Department.

Now that full time has been allowed, and he has presented himself, the relative and respective abilities to get the job done as Chickasaw Governor should be weighed.

There can be nothing that Mr. James could do for the Chickasaw Nation of Indians in Oklahoma that Mr. E. B. Maytubby could not do -1- better and -2- quicker and -3- cheaper and -4- with more overall efficiency.

1. Better because of many more years of administrative experience and demonstrated ability to deal with people and to accomplish results in business affairs and human affairs - with many more years experience in Chickasaw affairs and in National Indian Affairs.

2. Quicker because all or nearly all of the business affairs of the Chickasaws are transacted at the Muskogee Area Office. Maytubby lives and is employed in Muskogee. James lives and is employed in



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Oklahoma City. Maytubby could attend to many items of Chickasaw business in a few minutes during any hour of the day which James would be compelled to hold up until he could travel 142 miles to Muskogee, or 284 miles round trip.

3. Cheaper because Maytubby could not claim travel pay or mileage or per diem to transact Chickasaw business in Muskogee, while on each visit James must travel 142 miles or 284 miles round trip, and consume one full day's time or more. On items which could be handled by telephone Maytubby could handle without expense by local call from his own phone, reaching one or several of Area Office personnel if necessary, while James would use expensive long distance phone service.

4. More Overall Efficiency because, being in Muskogee, Maytubby could confer with Area Office on Chickasaw affairs any/or every day in the week, would be subject to call any day by Area Office or by interested Chickasaws, and available to meet any day in Muskogee with individual or group Chickasaws.

It is thought, and therefore urged, that the office of the Secretary of the Interior, and of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and of the Area Director of Muskogee, would see at once that a Muskogee residence of the Chickasaw Governor would have its advantages to the Chickasaw Indians, and that it might also be advantageous to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in efficiently rendering service to the Chickasaw Nation and to all individual Chickasaws.

It is thought to be true and therefore urged that no personal objections whatever have been suggested against Mr. Maytubby by any member of the Oklahoma Delegation in Congress, or by any Chickasaw Indian or from any of B.I.A. personnel past or present.



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Therefore in keeping with the late February resolution of the officially created and recognized Chickasaw Advisory Committee, it is urged that Mr. E. B. Maytubby should be appointed Chickasaw Governor with dispatch.

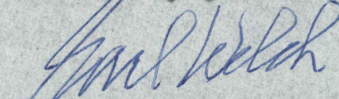
These views are also being respectfully submitted to:

Mr. Phileo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs

The United States Senators from Oklahoma

The Congressmen from Oklahoma.

Sincerely yours



Earl Welch, Chairman of  
Chickasaw Advisory Committee

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J. I. GOINS  
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April 1, 1963

P. O. BOX 869  
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Honorable A. S. (Mike) Monroney  
United States Senator  
Washington, D.C.

In re: Overton James,  
Prospective Governor of  
Chickasaw Nation

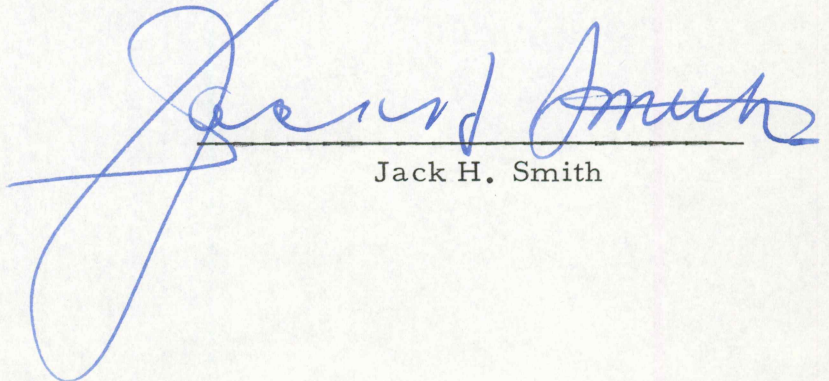
My Dear Senator Monroney:

I observe from the papers that Overton James, formerly of Wapanucka--where I was born and reared--is a prospective applicant for the position of Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Down through the years, I have known this young man while he was in school, while he was a teacher and since he has moved to Oklahoma City. He has always participated in Indian affairs and school and civic affairs.

I heartily recommend him to you for your consideration and for your recommendation to the appropriate parties.

Respectfully yours,



Jack H. Smith

JHS:lbs



4/6/63

# 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 Hugo, Oklahoma, this the 6th day of April, 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  
Grady L. Anderson  
Chairman and 2nd Vice-President

/s/ Mrs. Wallace Jefferson  
Mrs. Wallace Jefferson  
Secretary



4/13/63

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the rank and file Chickasaw desires a voice in the selection of the person 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 which assembled at Idabel, Oklahoma, this 13th day of April, 1963, go on record as endorsing OVERTON JAMES, 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 25, D. C., and a copy be sent to Honorable Phil Leo Nash, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington 25, D. C., and Virgil N. Harrington, Area Director, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and to each of the members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Respectfully submitted,

Grady L. Anderson  
Vice-President

Mrs. Leo Long  
Secretary



5/25/63

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the rank and file Chickasaw desires a voice in the selection of the person 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 meeting in Ardmore, Oklahoma, this the 25th day of May, 1963, at 2:30 P.M., go on record as endorsing OVERTON JAMES, a Chickasaw Indian and native of Johnson 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 25, D. C., and a copy be sent to Honorable Philco Nash, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington 25, D. C., and Virgil N. Harrington, Area Director, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and to each of the members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. Holmes  
Chairman

Mrs. Ernest H. Tate  
Secretary



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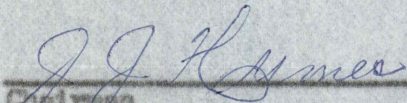
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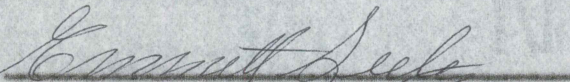
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Choctaw-Chickasaw Confederation meeting in Madill, Oklahoma, this the 26th day of May 1963, at 10:00 A.M., go on record as endorsing OVERTON JAMES, a Chickasaw Indian and native of Johnson County in the Old Chickasaw Nation, for appointment as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in lieu of a straight-out Secretarial appointment, the Choctaw-Chickasaw Confederation would prefer a nominating Convention sanctioned by the Secretary of the Interior and held in the Chickasaw Nation for the purpose of giving the Chickasaw people a voice in the selection of the nominee to be appointed as their headman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the original of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., and a copy be sent to Honorable Phil Leo Nash, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington 25, D. C., and Virgil N. Harrington, Area Director, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and to each of the members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
Chairman

  
Secretary