



CARTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

P. O. Box 440
WILSON, OKLAHOMA
May 25, 1963.

Honorable A.S. ("Mike") Monroney
United States Senator
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator;

That was a hum-ding get-to-gether the other night in Oklahoma City wouldn't you say?

As you and I both have attended a number of such events over the years I am happy to say I enjoyed this one the most of all.

There were a number of pretty good talks made but there were four that impressed me more than any I can remember. From the time our own, The Little Giant, started as M.C. followed by that great lady Democrat from Texas, Lady Bird Johnson. Senator you were next. As you know I have heard you make a number of what I thought were good speeches but last Monday night I would like for you to know that in my opinion you delivered one of your best. I am proud that Oklahoma has for its Senior Senator, Mike Monroney, who I am privileged to call my friend. Then you were followed by our Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson who is not only a great man but one of the most outstanding Democrats living to-day.

I had the privilege of attending a Choctaw-Chickasaw Tribal Council meeting in the Courthouse in Ardmore to-day. Senator Jimmy Belvin, Chief of the Choctaws was present and the President of the Inter Tribal Council of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Federation, Overton James, representing the Chickasaws.

On or about April 1st I wrote you in regards to this young man, who is a personal friend of mine, in be-half of his candidacy of being appointed as Chief of the Chickasaws giving you his background and qualifications which I am sure you still have in your file. Up to now I have heard nothing from you but from other sources I have been led to believe that you favor Mr. Hugh Maytubby of Muskogee. I wish you would give this some more thought and check the wishes of the Chickasaw people themselves.

I sincerely believe that if it were possible to hold an election for this appointment that Overton James would receive 3 times as many votes as Mr. Maytubby and in my opinion we, the Chickasaws, need a leader young and with modern ideas. Someone who actually knows the rank and file Indian.

To refresh your memory. Overton James is 37 years of age. Hugh Maytubby is 72 past and in failing health.

I had the pleasure of introducing our mutual friend, General Mike Massad, to Chief Belvin and Mr. James. I asked him to pass his thoughts on to you.

Sincerely,


J.D. Lewis Chairman
Carter County
Democratic Central Committee.