

October 1, 1963

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Mr. Jack L. Rorschach
217 S. Wilson Building
Vinita, Oklahoma 74301

Dear Mr. Rorschach:

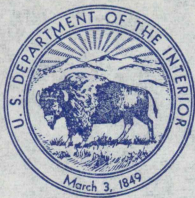
This is in further reference to your letter regarding Violet Mae Wesho Foreman, a Menominee Indian, from whom Treasury Bonds were stolen while she lived in Chicago.

The enclosed letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs contains instructions for replacement of the bonds. If they were, in fact, Treasury Bonds, the loss should be reported to the Chicago address contained in the letter. If they were issued by the Menominee Enterprises, Inc., then the matter should be taken up with that organization.

Assuring you it was a pleasure to obtain this information for you, and with best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Budget and Finance
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Hon. A. S. Mike Monroney
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Monroney:

Reference is made to your communication of September 12, 1963, enclosing a letter dated September 10, 1963, from Mr. Jack L. Rorschach, Attorney at Law, Vinita, Oklahoma, concerning bonds alleged to have been stolen from Miss Violet Mae Wesho, now Foreman, a member of the Menominee Indian Tribe, while she was living in Chicago, Illinois.

Our records show that on August 28, 1957, the Treasury Department was requested to mail to the Area Director of our Aberdeen Area Office, Aberdeen, South Dakota, two (2) \$1000 Series E-55 Treasury Bonds (Serial Nos. M30403979-980E) for delivery to Miss Violet Mae Wesho, the owner. As the amounts coincide with those shown in Mr. Rorschach's letter, it may be that these bonds are the ones to which reference is made. If the bonds are Treasury bonds, as indicated, it is suggested that you advise Mr. Rorschach that Mrs. Foreman should report the loss with as detailed a description of them as possible to the Treasury Department, Bureau of Public Debt, Division of Loans and Currency, 536 South Clark St., Chicago 5, Illinois, which office has jurisdiction over lost or stolen Treasury bonds. A copy of this letter is being sent to that office for its information.

However, if the bonds were issued by the Menominee Enterprises, Inc., Neopit, Wisconsin, under the Termination Plan developed for the Menominee Indians, pursuant to the Act of June 17, 1954, as amended (25 U.S.C. 896-902), the matter should be taken up with that organization.

The correspondence submitted with your communication is returned herewith. If we can be of further assistance please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) FRED H. MASSEY
ASSISTANT

Commissioner

Enclosure

Sept. 12, 1963

Mr. Jack L. Rorschach
217 S. Wilson Building
Vinita, Oklahoma 74301

Dear Mr. Rorschach:

Senator Monroney is attending the Interparliamentary Union conference as a member of the United States delegation.

In his absence, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter in behalf of Violet Mae Wesho Foreman, a Menominee Indian, from whom a \$3,000 bond was stolen while she lived in Chicago.

There appears to be no reason why the Bureau of Indian Affairs could not issue another bond to replace the stolen one. Information on the procedure to be followed in such cases is being obtained, and will be forwarded to you just as soon as it is available.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

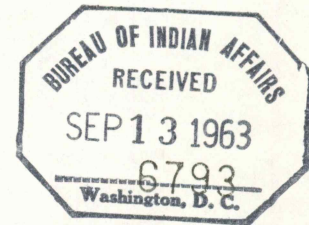
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Vinita, Oklahoma
September
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Honorable Mike Monroney
Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator:

I own a summer residence over in Delaware County, Oklahoma and while over there my close neighbor came down to see me, who had recently returned to the area and called on me as a neighbor for help. This full-blood Cherokee is Bill Foreman who resides at Route 2--Jay, Oklahoma. He says he is some relation to Hokey. His story that he, and his wife, Violet Mae Wesho, now Foreman, tell me is stranger than fiction. I want to relate this to you and ask you to place this request in the proper hands at the Bureau of Indian Affairs for handling. These people are full-blood Indians and they need some help.

Violet and Bill were married about a year ago in Chicago. Bill went to Chicago for employment on construction work. Violet was born and reared on the Menominee Indian Reservation in Wisconsin. She came to Chicago looking for work. They met and were married.

The Menominee tribe who live on the Reservation close to Keshena, Wisconsin received payment in bonds from the Government for money found to be due each member of the tribe. Violet's Roll No. is 3089 in the Menominee tribe.

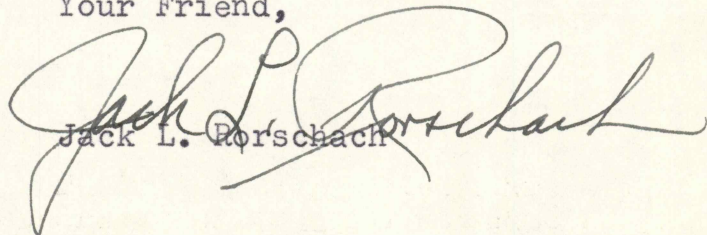
In July of 1961 the Indian Agent at the Menominee Reservation issued to Violet a \$3,000.00 bond. This bond is not due and cannot be cashed, as they tell me, until in 1964. It can be cashed in 1964 and has a face value then of \$2,000.00, and if held until 1974, has a face value of \$3,000.00.

Violet had this bond in her suitcase where she and Bill were living at 734 N. Dearborn St., in Chicago. The day before they were to leave to return to Oklahoma it was stolen. She reported this to the Officer the next morning on the beat who advised her that she should go to the precinct headquarters and report the theft. Since she was leaving that day she did not go to the precinct head-

quarters to report the theft.

I felt sure there was some relief that could be granted to Violet by way of canceling of this bond and the issuance of a new bond. If there is some procedure that will help these two young people, I will be glad to be of assistance in any way that I can. They were looking forward to having this money made available to them next year. Whatever is necessary to set the proper procedure in motion, I wish that you would do, as they need some help and are two young people who have suffered an injustice and need assistance in securing aid from the proper officials. Please look into this and let me know what can be done in their behalf.

Your Friend,


Jack L. Rorschach

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