

April 5, 1963

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Mr. Philemon Berry
Box 225
Fort Cobb, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Berry:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the General Council of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Tribes, and copies of the resolutions adopted at the meeting on March 30, 1963.

I appreciate having this information and the views of the General Council on the legality of the meeting held January 19, 1963.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Box 225
Fort Cobb, Okla.
April 3, 1963

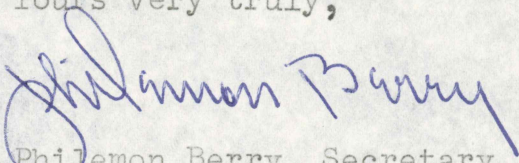
Hon. A. S. Mike Monroney
U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are copies of the minutes of the meeting of the General Council of the three tribes held March 30, 1963 and together with the resolutions passed at said meeting. Also a copy of the resolution passed by the Business Committee in their meetin g of April 1, 1963.

Yours very truly,

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Philemon Berry, Secretary
K.C.A. Tribal Business Committee

GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE
KIOWA, COMANCHE AND APACHE TRIBE
CARNEGIE, OKLAHOMA

General council of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Tribe, held March 30, 1963, Carnegie Junior High School Auditorium, Carnegie, Oklahoma.

Mr. Aholphus Goombi, chairman of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Tribal Business Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Prayer by Rev. George Kauyedauly.

Mr. Goombi introduced Mr. Bill Raviles, Mayor of Carnegie, Okla.

Mr. Raviles gave a short welcoming address and thanked the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache tribe for choosing Carnegie for meeting. Also stated the City Park was available to the Indians at any time.

Mr. Goombi serving as temporary chairman and Julia Mahseet as temporary secretary until a chairman and secretary elected.

The following counters were appointed: Buster Tsonetokoy, Amos Aitson, Andy Tosee, Arthur Tonips, Joe Wetselline, John Guoladdle, and Bill Koomsa Jr.

Nominations were opened for chairman.

Parker McKenzie nominated Philemon Berry. Moved and seconded by Horace Noyobad, Mr. Berry be elected by acclamation. Voting 285 for and 0 against. Motion carried.

Mr. Berry accepted the chairmanship and nominations were open for secretary.

Horace Noyobad moved and seconded by Parker McKenzie, that Julia Mahseet, be elected secretary by acclamation. Voting 289 for and 0 against. Motion carried.

Chairman introduced the Bureau Officials present: Mr. Pitner, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Mesheu, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Kelley Mr. Walkingstick and Mr. Beams.

Chairman also introduced Mr. Robert Burnette, Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians.

Chairman read the resolution adopted March 18, 1963 in a special meeting of the K.C.A. Business Committee, in regards to calling a general council March 30, 1963 at Carnegie, Oklahoma.

Stated members of the business committee has went out of their way informing the people of this meeting. Thanked the people for a good turn out to hear of the tribal controversy. There will be a time for questions and answers. If you don't understand you can ask questions. To save time would like for interpreters to sit in the midst of our older people so they will know what is taken place. The back ground of the tribal controversy are the actions taken by business committee and the actions taken by a group at Apache, Okla. Related January 7, 1963 business committee's first meeting and calling the general council. Recalled presenting a petition to the old business committee requesting a general council, which wasn't done. Resolution was read calling a general council adopted January 7th. by 12 members present. January 18th in a special meeting the general council was cancelled. Due to the weather condition and letter

from the Area Director stating that he could not attend the meeting. According to the Constitution we are to look out for you people. We felt some of you would have to make arrangements for your children. Either some one to care for them or bring them along in the cold weather. So we did what we did by calling the general council off January 18th. To get the word out the committee were to inform the people in their districts. Many stayed anyway and some went. A notice was on the door calling off the general council.

Speaking from the minutes they say 125 attended altho. 52 or 92 voted. Speaking of Apaches there were none present. These are the following actions. They did away with tribal attorney's contract, revoked the constitution and by-laws, abolished the business committee, re-established the co ordinator's position and gave authority to the Area Director to sign pay voucher sheets also to appoint a constitutional committee. Still there hasn't been no challenges made. Informed by Area Director that the minutes and business committee minutes were forwarded to Central Office for a decision. We continue to do business are not paid per diem for subsequent meetings. The minutes are filed with the Area Field Representative. We have been waiting since January 27th to March 21st for a decision. You have received copies of the decision. They were sent to heads of each family. You may have received legal advice. We don't know what the outcome will be. Whatever they decide you maybe called to make a decision from Central Office and Area Office. Our main concern, we are without a Constitution and business committee. There are Pro and Con talks of old constitution. You have heard members of the tribe make comments. What do you think? The business committee you elected represents you. The business committee formulated the constitution January 1932. There are old committee members here can speak on the constitution.

John Emboolah requested the old constitution and by-laws be read.

Chairman read the constitution and by-laws.

Bert Abboah presented a resolution and requested the chairman to read, to reinstate the Kiowa, Comanche And Apache Constitution and By-laws.

After the chairman read the resolution Abboah moved and seconded by Joseph Kauley, to adopt the resolution as read.

Marjorie Tahquechi Sova asked if voted infavor will it be accepted in Washington?

Chairman: Refer Mr. Pitner to answer.

Mr. Pitner stated he couldn't say.

Andy Tosee-- Mr. Pitner, do you recommend any recommendations the council takes?

Mr. Pitner-- Yes We recommend but like the controversy we only bundled them up for Washington.

Ruth Simmons told of attending meeting held at Apache January 19th. Stated she knew the meeting was cancelled because Ned Timbo had told he in the grocery store at Lawton. Anyway went to Apache at 10:45 a.m. saw the sign on the door. Was there when the meeting opened outside and moved to the community building. Mr. Edgar Monetathechi said, Area Director said to have the meeting in Apache and recom-

mended to go on. They voted to go on paying co ordinator. I witness when voted. I voted against everything. You men from the Area Office I am ashame of you people. Look at the Indian. They don't have a suit on to be honest. Mr. Monetathchi said our good white friends of Anasarko and our good white friends of Lawton hands are itching they want our lands. At LaSills I saw you but never saw who you were August 8, 1962, at 4:55 p.m. you were working on some papers.

Robert L. Goombi-- What authority did the Bureau use to determine the meeting at Apache?

Chairman referred the question to Mr. Pitner. Mr. Pitner asked Mr. Griffis to answer.

Mr. Griffis--Recalled under the constitution of 10 days notice for calling a general council but can not say what basis were used in Washington. Related phone call from Washington re-casting Mr. Pitner to send minutes on without a recommendation. The decision made in the letter says 24 hours was to short of time for cancelling.

Adolphus Goombi-- Kiowa, Comanche and Apache should defend the constitution as our Elders made it in 1932. Would like to say in my opinion with the discussing will help you. I had you in heart as every 15 or 20 minutes I checked the thermometer. That afternoon it dropped 40 degrees. Though of older people getting out in the cold. I know old cars couldn't start. ~~In the morning that morning they were pulling cars to get started.~~ I didn't want you and your children exposed to the cold weather. There will be another day you could have a privilege to decide. I made an honest decision in calling off the general council. Fifty-two (52) people voted at that election to destroy our constitution and by-laws. We have received many benefits under the constitution. There are articles put in for a purpose. Now it is gone. I want go along with that. I don't believe 52 people has the right. Mr. Carver, Assistant Secretary, has over ruled before. This government official says, I believe. The Bureau don't like our constitution. They don't have authority to tell us. Our people made it. I don't want the Bureau to tell us now. You don't have to bow lower than you have the last 10 years. What burns me up. Mr. Pitner told the business committee the other day that he didn't send a letter with those minutes to Washington. Now Mr. Crow says WE CAREFULLY STUDIED YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 24th. Mr. Pitner lied to us. Let us keep our old constitution.

Horace Hoyobad--Our own people finds fault with our constitution. It was formed by our older people back. They lived under it and didn't have the trouble we are having. We realized our claim of \$137. another claim in September and another claim in 1964. Let us keep our constitution. The Bureau don't like it that doesn't give them rights. The boys say the constitution has to be approved by the Bureau. Nowhere in the constitution it tells us so much time should be given in cancelling and it doesn't give the white man any rights.

Robert L. Goombi---I have been reading the constitution and find it interesting. Since the passing of my father, I have his papers. I have a few recommendations. It stands according to what was accepted at Apache? Recommend proper representation at general councils, procedure of voting, time element of cancelling. The Constitution should have a few amendments. Suggest should keep 5 Kiowas, 5 Comanches and 2 Apaches and stagger the elections and

not elect all at the same time. We should keep old constitution and select members to make amendments for next general council.

Roe Kahrahr-- I am concerned about our problems. Wonder what is going to happen to our people. Why such a turmoil. If decision stands. As a Comanche I feel sorry for our people. We should leave our differences aside. Representatives of respective tribes favor decision maybe controversy to our tribe. Today I stand before you as a tribal representative. Our people are intelligent and educated. We talk different ways but respect each other. We always look forward to claims. The document has been security but one either retain it and amend by putting teeth in it. It was made for Indians not Bureau. Politics got hole of it by members of our tribes. The Kiowa, Comanche and Apache are three tribes in one. Meeting of January 19th there were Kiowas and Comanches but no Apaches. With God's guidance we may survive.

Chairman asked if anyone wants to speak against the constitution.

At this time Mr. Pitner presented a letter dated January 24, 1963 to the Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, that Mr. Crow referred to in letter of March 21, 1963 to Mr. Pitner.

Mr. Pitner was asked if he called the meeting at the Ft. Sill Indian School?

Mr. Pitner answered- No.

Horace Noyobad- Mr. Pitner did you state the decision was final?

Mr. Pitner-- As far as the Bureau is concerned it is final. You folks have the right to appeal.

Chairman called for voting on resolution at this time.

Voting 411 for and 0 against. Motion carried.

3:25 P.M. Mr. Pitner, Mr. Meshew and Mr. Holmes departed from the meeting to attend the meeting at the Ft. Sill Indian School.

Parker McKenzie presented a resolution and requested chairman to read.

After reading the resolution, McKenzie moved and seconded by Horace Noyobad, to accept the resolution as read.

Voting 373 for and 0 against. Motion carried.

Claud Jay presented a resolution and requested chairman to read, in regards to Mr. Crow's decision of March 21, 1963.

After reading the resolution, Jay moved and seconded by Bert Ahboah, the resolution be adopted as read.

Chairman explained the resolution.

Robert L. Goombi- How will the appeal be sent to Washington?

Chairman--- Either by mail or a delegation.

Horace Noyobad requested that we go on record adopting the resolution.

Voting 359 for and 0 against. Motion carried.

Chairman introduced Mr. Robert Burnette, Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians.

Mr. Burnette explained the policies of the National Congress of American Indians in protecting their rights and membership dues. Related the Sioux Tribes controversies when Mr. Pitner was stationed at Rosebud, South Dakota. Extended invitation to the convention to be held at Bismark, South Dakota.

Lymtha Tsoodle--Stated March 28th was at the Post Office Building and wondered if Mr. Pitner was in his office. I went to his office and asked his secretary to see him. I went into his office and asked about the meetings at Ft. Sill School and Carnegie. I wanted to know which one was official? He said the one at Ft Sill School. The one at Carnegie is only a group meeting. I asked him what do you think about the separation group and progressive group? He said they were just a bunch of nuts. I told him if the meeting at Ft Sill School was the official one guess I should go there and eat meat. He insisted that would be the meeting to attend. I will stand on a stack of Bibles that is what he said.

Chairman-- We may be in for a long fight. You maybe forced to something you don't want. Wish we had confidence with our Bureau Officials We would like them to come among us and eat with us altho we don't have much. They may think our Indians are dum but still have a lot of sense. We should encourag everyone to attend these meetings. Just a few people met and look what has happened. We have valuable land near Lawton and Anadarko. If the time comes to vote on proposed constitution by ballot. We should let our friends and relatives know. I thank you people for having confidence to elect me as chairman.

Joy Niedo--Last June when we voted I asked Mr. Pitner. What are we voting for? Mr. Pitner stated vote and find out.

Roe Kahrahrah---Our tribal lands are valuable. Lawton has a proposed park plan which will join Lawton on the east s de including tribal and individual lands. Runs north of Highway No.7 to the Military Reservation. It takes what the new Pioneer Express way doesn't take. All the land east of the Indian School, where we use to have picnics. A place has been sit aside for a community building for the Indians. Nothing is said about the experiment station. We know what happened to the land south of Apache. Now it is under water. Again I make a plea when a meeting is called let us all be there. Think what will happen to our younger generation.

Horace Noyobad---Mr. Gardner and Miss Mahseet, I want this to be in the minutes. Every election year, those, our people, are given a beef. Mr. Pitner has left to go to the feast. Read letter to Mr. Pitner, Area Director, dated March 21, 1963 from Mr. John O. Crow. Just last week Mr. Pitner attended a business committee meeting and stated he did not write a letter. But according to this he did write a letter because it says, IN YOUR LETTER. Mr. Gardner, I want you to put that down because you have been putting everything else down.

Adolphus Coombi---Sorry this has to come up. Oliver Woodard protested the Kiowa election because he didn't get re-elected. My brother, Philemon Berry and I protested the December 18th meeting because a quorum was not present. Also unbonafided men signed per diem voucher.

Oliver Woodard and Lawrence Tomah Jr. certified that seven(7) members were present. So that was why a restraining order was filed against the December 31st general council. I have been chairman since January 7th. Yale Tanequost has been paid from tribal funds by a signature of an unauthorized person. Like the man said we must get them right. I want to thank you people for coming because this is your problem.

Chairman--Suggested that everyone be listening for announcements from radio station W.N.A.D.

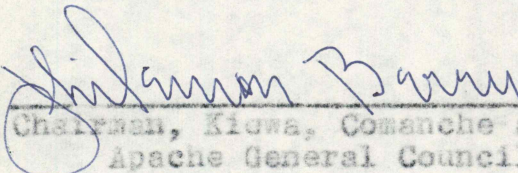
Robert L. Goombi-- Suggested a committee be elected from each tribe to amend the constitution. Motion to appoint a committee to look over the constitution and make amendments to be presented at next general council.

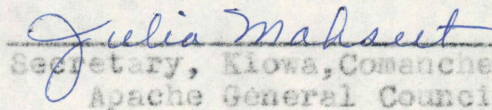
Chairman asked Mr. Goombi to with-draw the motion until the out come of the appeal.

Mr. Goombi with-drew the motion.

Motion by Ralph Kauley and seconded by Bobby Hill, to adjour.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.


 Chairman, Kiowa, Comanche and
 Apache General Council


 Secretary, Kiowa, Comanche and
 Apache General Council

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: The Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Tribal Business Committee met in regular monthly meeting at the Kiowa Area Field Office Conference Room, April 1, 1963; there being a quorum present, And

WHEREAS: This committee wishes to endorse and concur with the resolutions adopted at the General Council of the three tribes on March 30, 1963. And

WHEREAS: The third resolution presented to the General Council had reference to an appeal to the Secretary of the Interior from a decision of Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, John O. Crow relative to the validity of the meeting held on January 19, 1963.

WHEREAS: This committee being all present at the General Council now wishes to recommend to the Honorable Secretary that approval be made in conjunction with the appeal resolution now already submitted. And

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Tribal Business Committee acting in behalf of the three tribes does hereby endorse and concur with the three resolutions passed by the General Council of March 30, 1963. FURTHER: We make this request to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior to overrule the decision of Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Mr. John O. Crow under date of March 21, 1963, in which he rules that the meeting held on January 19, 1963 to be valid.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

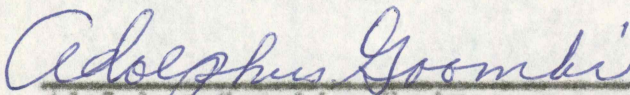
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

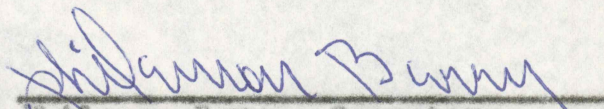
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COUNTY OF CADDO

We the undersigned chairman and secretary of the KCA Tribal Business Committee do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was authorized to be written for our signatures to carry out the wishes of the committee in their meeting of April 1, 1963. Said motion was adopted by a vote of 8 for 0 against.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 1st day of April, 1963.


Adolphus Goombi, Chairman
KCA Tribal Business Committee


Philemon Berry, Secretary
KCA Tribal Business Committee.

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS: The Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Tribes meeting in General Council, at Carnegie, Oklahoma, on March 30, 1963. And
- WHEREAS: There was received an opinion from Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Mr. John O. Crow, dated March 21, 1963, in which he held that the general council meeting held at Apache, Oklahoma on January 19, 1963, was valid and all actions taken at said meeting to be in force and effect.
- WHEREAS: In said decision of Mr. Crow, there were three points that were raised; namely: (1) Can the Business Committee cancel a duly called General Council meeting less than 24 hours before that meeting is to be held. (2) Question is whether the General Council was properly convened. (3) Question is whether the General Council had the authority to rescind the constitution and by-laws and to dissolve the Business Committee. And
- WHEREAS: In regards to question No. (1). First it is our opinion that the time element is of no consequence, but the real issue is whether or not the Business Committee exercised proper authority under the constitution and by-laws in calling off the general council of January 19, 1963. We feel that the Business Committee did have a right to cancel said general council meeting, when they took appropriate action in their meeting of January 18, 1963, at which time they had a quorum present and it was a duly called special meeting announced by the chairman. At said meeting the committee passed a resolution in which they rescinded their action contained in a resolution passed at the first regular meeting of the committee of January 7, 1963, whereby they had called a general council at Apache, Oklahoma, which means that there was no basis for the general council at Apache, on January 19, 1963, and therefore is of no force and effect. In accordance with the powers vested in the Business Committee under the following Articles and Sections of the Constitution and By-Laws: ARTICLE I, Section 2: The official governing body of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache tribes shall be the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Tribal Business Committee.
- Article II, Section 1: The purpose of the Tribal Business Committee shall be to safeguard the interest of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indians of the Kiowa Indian Reservation, Oklahoma.....
- ARTICLE V, Section 2: The duly elected members of the committee shall have full authority to represent the tribes in all matters affecting the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indians....
- ARTICLE VI, Section 2: No business of any nature shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.
- The committee exercised proper authority in rescinding their action taken at their meeting of January 7, 1963. Thereby causing the calling of the aforesaid general council to be null and void.
- WHEREAS: Under date of May 18, 1962 the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Tribal Business Committee passed a resolution in which they used the above Articles and Sections to set up the rules and procedure

to govern the General Council of June 9, 1962 as to the voting on a proposed constitution. A challenge was made as to the committee's authority to set up such rules and procedures. It was held by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in overruling the challenge, that the committee exercised proper authority under the said Articles and Sections to convene the general council of June 9, 1962 and to set up the rules and procedures for said meeting of the three tribes.

WHEREAS: With regard to question No. (2). It could not be properly convened for the above stated reasons. That the Business Committee in their meeting of January 18 had rescinded their action of January 7, thereby creating a no basis situation for the meeting of January 19.

WHEREAS: In regard to question No. (3). We the General Council assembled here today are of this opinion that group who met at Apache, Oklahoma, on January 19, 1963 had no authority to revoke the present constitution and by-laws, because of the following reasons:

- (1) In adopting the constitution and by-laws initially in 1932 the general council reserved to itself certain powers with other powers granted to itself in subsequent amendments passed in general council. Those powers did not carry with it the authority to revoke the constitution and by-laws.
- (2) Under date of March 2, 1962, Mr. John A. Carver, Jr. Assistant Secretary of the Interior, directed an answer to an appeal from Philemon Berry with regards to powers of the General Council. In said letter Mr. Carver said, quote "The Constitution nowhere states that the Business Committee derives its authority from the General Council, nor gives to the General Council unlimited power to act. Rather, as nearly as I can determine from examining the original Constitution and ByLaws and those subsequent amendments which are on file in this office, the General Council has the following authorities: (1) to question and overrule any action or activity of its members of the Committee, or the Committee itself (amendment to Section 2, Article V, adopted in August 1956); (2) to authorize a delegation to Washington, D. C., to decide what that delegation will discuss, and to hear a report from that delegation upon its return (Section 3, Article V, as amended August 1956, and again in December 1958); (3) to dismiss for cause, by majority vote, members of the Business Committee (amendment adopted in August 1956, and inserted as Section 4, Article V); (4) to adopt amendments to the Constitution and ByLaws of the Tribal Business Committee in a meeting called for that purpose (Section 1, Article VII, as amended in December 1958). The above authorities appear to be the only ones granted to the General Council by the constitution." Enquote. Therefore the meeting at Apache, Oklahoma, on January 19, 1963 exceeded its authority in revoking the present constitution and By-Laws of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Tribal Business Committee of Oklahoma. And it is our opinion that the constitution and by-laws adopted by the tribes on January 28, 1932, subsequently amended is still in existence and in force and effect.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA (SE
COUNTY OF CADDO (

We the undersigned chairman and secretary of the General Council of March 30, 1963 do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented and discussed and passed by a vote of 359 for and 0 against, said resolution.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 30th day of March, 1963 in the city of Carnegie, State of Oklahoma.

Chairman
KCA General Council

Secretary
KCA General Council

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The general council of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache tribes, meeting at the Carnegie junior high school, Carnegie, Okla., on March 30, 1963, pursuant to a call authorized by the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache tribal business committee at a special session at Anadarko, Okla., on March 18, 1963, and

WHEREAS, The said tribal business committee at its initial organizational session at Anadarko, Okla., on January 7, 1963, following its proper and legal election by the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache tribes at their respective tribal elections on December 5, 1962, authorized a general council to convene at the high school auditorium in Apache, Okla., on January 19, 1963, at 1:30 P. M., and

WHEREAS, The said tribal business committee at a special pre-general council session at Anadarko, Okla., on January 18, 1963, found it necessary during the course of its deliberations to cancel by appropriate resolution--in the interest and welfare of its tribal members-- the general council it authorized to convene at Apache, Okla., on January 19, 1963, because severe blizzard conditions were beginning to develop, and sleet, snow and ice was predicted in weather reports for the appointed meeting day, and

WHEREAS, The chairman of said committee personally posted a copy of the afore-mentioned resolution inside a window adjoining the entrance of the designated meeting place very early on ~~XXXXXXIX~~ January 19, 1963; that same was visibly readable from without and still remained in place beyond the appointed meeting hour (1:30 P. M.); and that the meeting place remained locked after posting of the resolution, as the school authorities already were aware that the proposed meeting had been cancelled, and

WHEREAS, The afore-mentioned committee, due to the urgency of the impending, adverse weather conditions over which it had no control, and in the interest and welfare of its tribal members, believed it exercised due judgment and concern by cancelling the general council which it previously authorized, and

WHEREAS, There was not a shadow of doubt that the ringleaders of a minority group of the three tribes, sensing an opportunity to inject new controversy within the tribal government and thereby rendering ineffective the operation of the newly-elected members of the tribal business committee, lost no time on January 19, 1963, in bringing together at Apache their well-knit, key element of the minority group, many of whom were only a telephone away, and despite bitterly-cold, blizzard weather! for the sole purpose of creating the situation herein indicated, and

WHEREAS, the said group proceeded to develop its own, partisan version of a general council at a different meeting place and restricted its action only to matters which it undoubtedly expected to bring about its designing objective, if its action withstood challenge; by-passing all other items of import to the tribal members which the tribal business committee had included in the agenda of the cancelled general council, and

WHEREAS, The indicated, one-sided meeting of the afore-mentioned group, where not a single dissenting vote came to light, was not in the best interest of the tribes concerned, let alone being representative of over ten thousand (10,000) tribal enrollees.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That this general council go on record as

concurring with the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache business committee that it exercised proper action, and in conformity with its powers, in cancelling the afore-mentioned general council during a properly-assembled, special session of the committee on January 18, 1963; and that such powers are contained in the following parts of the constitution and by-laws of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache tribal business committee:

ARTICLE I, Sec. 2: The official governing body of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache tribes shall be the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache tribal business committee.

ARTICLE II, Sec. 1: The purpose of the tribal business committee shall be to safeguard the interest of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indians of the Kiowa Indian reservation, Oklahoma....

ARTICLE V, Sec. 2: The duly elected members of the committee shall have full authority to represent the tribes in all matters affecting the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indians.....

ARTICLE VI, Sec. 2: No business of any nature shall be transacted unless a quorum is present. (The entire committee of twelve were present, and all voted in favor of cancelling the general council it authorized on January 7, 1963, to convene at Apache, Okla., on January 19, 1963).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:- That this general council go on record as being in disagreement and hold that all action taken at the afore-mentioned Apache meeting to be invalid by reason of the authority and right of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache tribal business committee to rescind its own action, which in essence means that there was no basis for the calling of the Apache meeting of January 19, 1963, as hereinbefore set forth.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
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COUNTY OF CADDO) ss:

We, the undersigned chairman and secretary of the general council meeting at Carnegie, Oklahoma as of the date shown hereon, and in accordance with authority it vested in us to verify the adoption of this instrument, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, consisting of two pages, was adopted by the said general council by vote of 373 to 0.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal this 30th day of March, 1963, in the City of Carnegie, County of Caddo and State of Oklahoma.

Attest:

Julia Mahser
Secretary of the General Council.

William Brown
Chairman of the General Council.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Tribes meeting in General Council, at Carnegie, Oklahoma, on March 30, 1963, and

WHEREAS: Under date of January 28, 1932, the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Tribes adopted a constitution and by-laws formulating a tribal business committee and vesting in itself certain powers, and

WHEREAS: The said constitution and by-laws has brought many benefits to the tribes over the years, such as employing attorneys to fight our claims; sending delegations to Washington, D. C. on legislation in Congress; meeting with the Central Office and the Secretary of the Interior from time to time on tribal matters; negotiated revocable permits in behalf of the tribes on tribal lands; and many other things over the years, and

WHEREAS: This constitution and by-laws has withstood such criticism on the part of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and members of the three tribes, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Tribes assembled in this general council does hereby wish to go on record to retain the constitution and by-laws that was adopted on January 28, 1932 and subsequently amended from time to time.

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA (
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 COUNTY OF CADDO (

We the undersigned chairman and secretary of the KCA General Council, held on March 30, 1963 does hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented and discussed and was adopted by a vote of 411 for and 0 against said resolution.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 30th day of March, 1963.

William Perry
Chairman
KCA General Council

Julia Mahseet
Secretary
KCA General Council