

August 12, 1963

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Mr. Walter N. Kerchee
Route 1
Lawton, Oklahoma 73501

Dear Mr. Kerchee:

This has further reference to your letter of July 30, 1963, together with enclosures relating to your competency to handle your personal affairs.

The enclosed letter from the Anadaro Area Office indicates that a question of competency was not at issue at the time of your application for a patent in fee on twenty-five acres of valuable land near Lawton. It was the opinion of the Bureau of Indian Affairs that it should assist, guide and supervise you in the disposition of your valuable real estate as a means of protecting your own interests.

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

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure
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ANADARKO AREA OFFICE
Anadarko, Oklahoma
73005

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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 August 2, 1963 concerning Mr. Walter N. Kerchee, a member of the Comanche Tribe of Indians, whose address is Route 1, Lawton, Oklahoma.

The allegation in Mr. Kerchee's letter to you in regard to a statement concerning him, apparently relates to the disapproval of his application for a patent in fee on twenty-five acres of valuable land near the City of Lawton, Oklahoma. This action resulted in a very large volume of correspondence with various Congressmen and Senators, as well as the Central Office in Washington.

In most of this correspondence, reference was made to a serious injury which Mr. Kerchee suffered in 1951 which left him paralyzed on the right side of his body, and confined to a wheel chair. He has been totally unable to do any form of work since this accident and must of necessity rely upon his wife and others to physically handle his business matters. For this reason it was felt that he should not be placed in a position to freely dispose of his valuable real estate without the assistance, guidance and supervision of the Bureau. An application submitted by him for a supervised sale had been approved prior to the receipt and rejection of his application for a patent in fee. In 1962 the land was conveyed out of a trust status through a supervised sale and the proceeds made available to Mr. Kerchee.

Mr. Kerchee's letter and the enclosures are returned as requested. Your interest is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) WILL J. PITNER

Area Director

August 2, 1963

Mr. Walter N. Kerchee
Route 1
Lawton, Oklahoma 73501

Dear Mr. Kerchee:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter and enclosures regarding a report on you made by the Superintendent of the Area Indian Office at Anadarko.

While not so stated in your letter, it appears that the Superintendent's report relates to your competency to manage your own affairs.

In view of the letters you have obtained from an attorney, doctors and the County Court, I am asking that the question of your ability to manage your affairs be carefully reconsidered. I will write you again just as soon as I have something to report.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Lester Olsen

July 30/96 =

Hon Mike Mannoney
United Senate
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr Mannoney

I am writing you and will try to explain to you about my physical condition, and that our area director Will J. Pitner made a report about me that is not true so I am sending you some statements. Mr Pitner made this report about me because I have refused to work with him against my Indian people. I am not able to work but I will not work against my people just to gain something for myself, because I fear. I hope that Mr Pitner will fear him to, and do something good for Indian people.

We are hoping we could have our Constitution restored back to us, it was good for our people it is good for ~~us~~ will close with best wishes

Sincerely Yours
Mr Walter N. Ferber