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Indians

September 24, 1963

Mr. W. W. Keeler
Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation
1118 South Dewey
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Dear Bill:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 19, in which you express interest in H. R. 6496, which is now pending before the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. This bill would make available 40 acres of land to be used for an industrial site. These lands would be transferred to the Cherokee Indians in trust.

We have been endeavoring to secure favorable action on this bill by the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. However, there seems to be a backlog of bills pending in the committee, and the Subcommittee on Indian Legislation is not able to secure full committee action because of other matters before the committee that have a priority. I feel quite confident that this matter will be taken care of, but at this time I cannot determine when.

Be assured that I am very much interested in your project and will do everything I appropriately can to get favorable action on this legislation.

Sincerely,