

March 13, 1963

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Mr. Delbert Horsechief, Jr.  
President  
Pawnee Indian Business Council  
Pawnee, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Horsechief:

Further reference is made to your letter regarding the final settlement of attorney fees in the Pawnee Indian claim.

The enclosed letter from Chief Commissioner Watkins states that the Indian Claims Commission is awaiting certain information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. As soon as it is received, the Commission will go ahead with the hearing, which should be within the next week or so.

The Clerk for the Indian Claims Commission will let you know when the hearing is to be held.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure



March 12, 1963

Honorable A. S. Mike Monroney  
United States Senator  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mike:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th relative to payment of the Pawnee Indian claim.

I will not make any comment on the first paragraph in your constituents letter because you will know more about the appropriation than I do. However, with respect to the final hearing on attorney fees and expenses, may I say that we have attempted to hold this hearing twice, but have been unable to go ahead with it because of a controversy over some of the attorneys expenses, which have to have the approval of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. We are awaiting information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs on this matter and will go ahead with the hearing as soon as that information is received, which should be within the next week or so.

Mrs. Hanna, Clerk for the Indian Claims Commission, will notify Delbert Horsechief Jr., President of the Pawnee Indian Business Council, when the hearing is to be held.

I hope this will be of assistance in replying to your constituents letter.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Arthur V. Watkins  
Chief Commissioner

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March 11, 1963

Mr. Delbert Horsechief, Jr.  
President  
Pawnee Indian Business Council  
Pawnee, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Horsechief:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter regarding a final settlement of the attorney fees in the Pawnee judgment award.

I regretted to learn that the two letters you wrote to the Indian Claims Commission about this matter have not been answered. I am asking the Commission today for a current report, and when it is received, I will write you again.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Pawnee Indian Business Council  
Pawnee, Oklahoma  
March 8, 1963

Senator Mike Monroney  
Senate Office Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We, of the Pawnee Indian Tribe would like any assistance that you could give us in regard to the appropriation of our final claim award. The final decision was made in July 1962, and to date the appropriation has not been made.

In the near future, we will be submitting a bill concerning the Pawnee Indian School reserve land. This land could prove very beneficial to our people. Any assistance that you can give us in regard to this bill would be appreciated.

In the past two months I have written two letters to the Indian Claims Commission in regard to what we feel will be the final hearing between the attorneys and the Pawnee tribe, in regard to the costs and expenses of the attorneys. If it is possible that you can obtain any information as to why the delay, we would appreciate this very much.

Yours very truly,

*Delbert Horsechief Jr.*  
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President- Pawnee Indian Business Council