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September 27, 1963

Mr. Earl Boyd Pierce
311 Metropolitan Building
Muskogee, Oklahoma

Dear Earl Boyd:

I am glad to have your letter of September 25.

Senator Edmondson and I introduced a bill identical to the one Congressman Edmondson introduced in the House within the last few days. I assure you that I will do everything I appropriately can to secure favorable and prompt consideration of it by the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, to whom it was referred.

Sincerely,

THE CHEROKEE NATION

GENERAL COUNSEL

September 25, 1963

Hon. A. S. "Mike" Monroney
United States Senator
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

With apology, I wish to call on you again for an important Cherokee matter. Congressman Edmondson has recently introduced in the lower House a Bill to enable the Cherokees to buy back from the Government the excess school lands at Chilocco. You will recall that I wrote you concerning this matter some time ago, and at your request the Bureau provided the procedural information, which we have followed in laying the groundwork for the introduction of Edmondson's Bill.

I am writing your colleague, Senator Edmondson, and requesting that he join you in the introduction of a Companion Bill in the Senate covering this property matter, and it is my most urgent wish that both of you see to it that this Bill passes during this session of Congress.

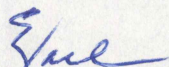
The leases are expiring March 1, 1964, covering the farm land in question, and we are moving fastly here in an effort to select well qualified Cherokees to take over, in a gradual way, the operation of the land. The program has been developed and is now under consideration by the Bureau. Please rest assured that we will not disturb too greatly the present leasing operations. Our plan is to take over completely within 3 to 5 years.

If you are successful in the securing of the enactment of this Bill, I want you to know that it is my personal belief that history will consider the event as one of the most unsordid acts of the Federal Government, outside of the Judiciary, in the long history of its dealings with the Cherokee people.

Also rest assured I am fairly well prepared to support the Bill before the Committees of Congress. Since time is of the essence, by reason of the point mentioned herein above, I earnestly urge your continued interest and valuable assistance in "legging" this matter through to success during this session of the Congress.

With the greatest respect, and the kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Earl Boyd Pierce
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