

October 10, 1963

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Mr. Delbert Horsechief, Jr.  
President  
Pawnee Indian Business Council  
Box 243  
Pawnee, Oklahoma 74085

Dear Mr. Horsechief:

This has further reference to your letter regarding the status of legislation to provide for distribution of the Pawnee tribal judgment award, and the land bill which pertains to the old Pawnee Indian School Reserve.

Enclosed is a letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs explaining that a draft bill pertaining to each of these matters is now being reviewed. It is hoped that the review will be completed in the near future so the proposals may be forwarded to the Bureau of the Budget for consideration.

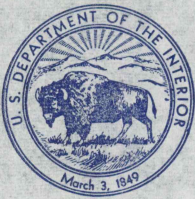
With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Tribal Operations  
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Hon. A. S. Mike Monroney  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Monroney:

On September 19, you brought to our attention a letter dated September 25 from Mr. Delbert Horsechief, Jr., President, Pawnee Business Council, Box 243, Pawnee, Oklahoma. Mr. Horsechief inquires as to the status of legislative proposals pertaining to the Pawnee judgment fund and to the restoration to the tribe of the Old Pawnee Indian School Reserve. A draft bill pertaining to each of these matters is now being reviewed in the Bureau, and we are hopeful that the review will be completed shortly and the proposals forwarded to the Bureau of the Budget for consideration.

A tribal delegation consisting of Mr. Horsechief and Messrs. Baptiste Bayhille and Owen Echo Hawk visited this office twice in recent months and discussed a tribal program which has been adopted by the Pawnee Business Council for the use of the tribal judgment fund. The program proposes a distribution per capita of approximately \$4,000,000 of the judgment fund and a retention of the remaining balance in the United States Treasury and the interest earned therefrom used for such purposes as scholarships, tribal security home, employment assistance, vocational training, credit program, and a youth recreational program. The program has been under study in this office and a letter addressed to the President of the Pawnee Business Council outlining our observations and furnishing guidelines for improvement of the program is now being prepared.

Sincerely yours,

[(SGD)] GRAHAM HOLMES

Acting Commissioner



Sept. 19, 1963

Mr. Delbert Horsechief, Jr.  
President  
Pawnee Indian Business Council  
Box 243  
Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058

Dear Mr. Horsechief:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter regarding the status of the legislation to provide for distribution of the Pawnee tribal judgment award, and the land bill which pertains to the Old Pawnee Indian School Reserve.

The interest of the Pawnee people in these bills is understood, and I will be pleased to forward to you a status report on them just as soon as it is available.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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*Box 243*

Pawnee, Oklahoma  
September 25, 1963

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



Dear Sir:

We, the Pawnee Indian Business Council, are still waiting for some information as to where our bill for distribution of the Pawnee tribal judgment money is at the present time. We feel certain that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has had ample time to finish drafting this bill, and also have had enough time for the department to review it. We have another bill that we feel the Bureau should have presented to Congress sometime ago, but we have not received any information on this bill. This bill being a land bill which pertains to the Old Pawnee Indian School Reserve.

My people are quite anxious for this payment to be made for it will be very beneficial to them.

We would appreciate very much if you would give these two bills your immediate attention.

Yours truly,

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President- Pawnee Indian Business  
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