

February 22, 1963

Jim
Mr. James I Monroe
First National Bank
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter with further reference to new construction at Sequoyah High School south of Tahlequah.

I agree that the reply of the Bureau of Indian Affairs was somewhat vague, but I doubt seriously that the Bureau itself has any definite plans for the school. For the past several years the Bureau has become increasingly reluctant to undertake any new school construction, preferring instead to phase out the existing schools and integrate Indian students into the public schools.

I shall certainly do as you suggest and keep Sequoyah High School in mind, and as a member of the Appropriations Committee, I will do my best to see that the Bureau obtains any construction funds which it may request for Indian schools.

With best personal regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely,



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TAHLEQUAH, OKLA.

JAMES I. MONROE
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

February 19, 1963

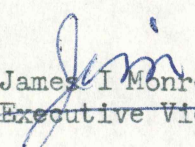
Honorable A. S. Monroney
United States Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mike:

I recently wrote you regarding the Sequoyah High School south of Tahlequah, their need for a new high school building, student housing and faculty housing. You asked the Bureau of Indian Affairs about this and a Mr. Massey, assistant commissioner, gave you a, "Cover the waterfront", letter saying that their long range construction program contained plans to develop the school to adequately take care of their educational program.

Last year we understood that the school was to start a construction program but the appropriation went elsewhere. The same thing happened again this year. I hope you will keep this school in mind, and see if you can't get something specific started out there this calendar year. That may be too quick for the government to act, but it is really three years since somebody jerked the rug out from under their program the last two years.

Yours very truly,


James I. Monroe
~~Executive Vice President~~

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Mr. James I. Monroe
First National Bank
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Dear Jan:

Further reference is made to your letter regarding new facilities at the Sequoyah High School south of Tahlequah.

In the enclosed letter, the Bureau of Indian Affairs advises that in its long range construction program, plans have been developed for this school which will adequately take care of its educational program.

You may be sure, of course, that I will do all I can to help the Bureau carry out its plans for Sequoyah High School.

With best personal regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Enclosure



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

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Education
534 - 63

FEB 5 - 1963

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

Dear Senator Monroney:

In your letter of January 22, 1963, you requested information regarding the Sequoyah High School construction.

We have been constructing facilities for those children who are out of school, to relieve congestion and overcrowding, to replace obsolete and unsafe facilities and to provide quarters. Our number one priority has, of course, been to provide facilities for those youngsters who are not yet in any school. In our long-range construction program we have plans developed for Sequoyah which when they materialize, will adequately take care of their education program.

We appreciate your sincere, continued interest in the education of Indian children.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) FRED H. MASSEY
ASSISTANT

Commissioner

Enclosure

January 22, 1963

Mr. James I. Monroe
First National Bank
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter concerning the possibility of getting a new high school building, student dormitories, and employee living quarters at the Bureau of Indian Affairs school three miles south of Tahlequah.

I will be pleased to check with the Bureau to find out what plans they have for this school. As you may know, however, it is the policy of the Bureau to integrate Indian students into the public schools when school plants deteriorate or student enrollment drops to the point where it is uneconomical to continue the separate schools.

Just as soon as I learn what plans the Bureau of Indian Affairs has for "Sequoyah High School," I will write you again.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



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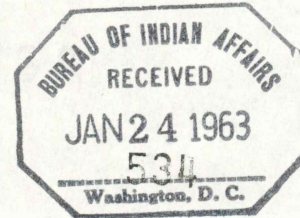
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TAHLEQUAH, OKLA.

JAMES I. MONROE
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

January 17, 1963

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



Dear Mike:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs' "Sequoyah High School", is located three miles South of Tahlequah near Park Hill. The physical plant has been kept in reasonably good maintenance, especially considering the age of the buildings.

No one has ever looked after this school's physical plant like Jed Johnson used to take care of the Indian schools in his Congressional District.

I hope you are in a position to adopt the Sequoyah High School, to the end that they may be able to eventually add a high school building, dormitories for the students, living quarters for its employees, and maintain these buildings in the present location of the school.

Congratulations on being selected to head our Oklahoma delegation. Mrs. Parker said she never had so much fun as that meeting she attend.

Sincerely,


JIM:cr

March 22, 1963

*Mr.
Indians*

Mr. James I. Monroe
First National Bank
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Dear Jim:

I have received the enclosed reply to my second inquiry about plans for improvements at Sequoyah High School.

It is really nothing more than a repetition of the earlier reply to the effect that facilities for children who are out of school are the No. 1 priority for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

I am again assured that the Bureau has plans under its long range construction program which will adequately meet the needs of Sequoyah High School.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure



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

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Education
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MAR 21 1963

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

Dear Senator Monroney:

We appreciate the concern and kind remarks of Mr. James I. Monroe of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, about the Sequoyah School operated by the Bureau for Indian students. Mr. Monroe's letter was forwarded with your communication of March 14.

The Bureau has been constructing facilities for those children who are out of school, to relieve congestion and overcrowding, to replace obsolete and unsafe facilities, and to provide quarters. Our number one priority has, of course, been to provide facilities for those youngsters who are not yet in any school. In our long range construction program we have plans developed for the Sequoyah School which, when they materialize, will meet the needs there adequately.

Thank you for your interest in the education of Indian children. Mr. Monroe's letter is returned herewith as requested.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) John O. Crow
Acting

Commissioner

Enclosure

March 14, 1963

Mr. James I. Monroe
First National Bank
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter with further reference to the need for improvements at the Sequoyah High School south of Tahlequah, a matter about which you recently wrote.

As you know, the Bureau of Indian Affairs advised that plans for Sequoyah High School have been developed which will adequately take care of its education program.

I don't know whether the Bureau can or will try to speed up its plans for Sequoyah High School. However, I will be pleased to get in touch with the Commissioner again and get his comments.

You may be sure, of course, that if there is any way in which the work contemplated for Sequoyah High School can be accomplished sooner than anticipated, I will do my best to see that it is done.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



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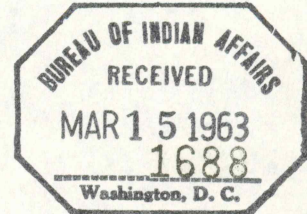
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TAHLEQUAH, OKLA.

March 12, 1963

JAMES I. MONROE
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



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

Dear Mike:

In further reference to the Bureau of Indian Affairs' "Sequoyah High School," and their physical plant which is in need of a new high school building, students quarters, and employees living quarters.

Mr. Jack Brown retired as superintendent of that school a number of years ago. Before his retirement one of the buildings was condemned but the building is still in use and housing some one hundred students. This building was constructed about the year 1870.

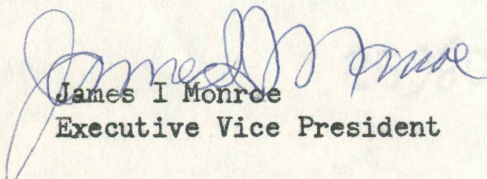
I noticed in yesterday's paper that the Bureau is constructing a new student union building at Chillicothe Indian School. Some of our people go to Haskell and they say that school has been completely rebuilt these last three or four years. One of my neighbors works at the Seneca School near Wyandotte and the Bureau has done a lot of work there. I haven't been to the school at Jones, but I understand they are enjoying a nice building program.

The Sequoyah High School is not in competition with other schools. A number of their students are pupils that have been rejected by the public schools; a number are wards of the court who have been placed in the school by different courts; the rest of them are orphaned or have a home or moral problem that dictates their admittance to the Bureau's "Sequoyah High School".

The Bureau has a fine program and certainly does a fine job with the students they have and the plant they have to work in. Each student when he leaves Sequoyah has a plan for his future. Many go on to college, some take additional vocational training, and others have a place in life waiting for them as a result of the vocational guidance they received at the school.

I certainly feel that they are entitled to better facilities than they have to work with. Experience has proven that without someone like yourself taking an active interest in the school and actively pushing its welfare, the school is going to linger and languish and eventually die. Mike, I hope you can give this immediate attention at the proper time.

Yours very truly,


James I. Monroe

Executive Vice President