

July 20, 1951

Mr. James Belvin  
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation  
Durant, Oklahoma

Dear Jimmy:

Thanks for your letter of the 17th, regarding  
the Leased District funds.

I have had this matter up with the Commissioner  
numerous times lately and he and Lee have both  
promised repeatedly to set up this payment at  
the earliest possible date.

Sincerely yours,

CA:jb

CARL ALBERT, M. C.  
3d District, Oklahoma



**Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation**  
**DURANT, OKLAHOMA**

HARRY J. W. BELVIN  
PRINCIPAL CHIEF

July 17, 1951

CARL ALBERT  
RESOLVED  
JUL 19 1951  
8rd Dist- Oklahoma

Honorable Carl Albert  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Albert:

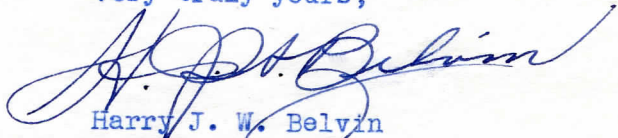
It is my understanding that the Leased District Funds have been appropriated and have been ready for distribution per capita to the Choctaws and Chickasaws for the past several months. I am deluged with letters of inquiry from Indians all over the country as to what is constituting the delay in getting these payments out. I am unable to answer these letters satisfactorily.

May I recommend that you contact the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in an effort to get these payments started at the earliest possible moment. The Indians are expecting these funds and most of them are in most urgent need.

As Chief of the Choctaw Nation, I shall personally appreciate anything you might do to expedite these payments. I would further appreciate very much, a letter from you just as soon as you contact the Commissioner as to when we may expect these payments to get started.

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Very truly yours,

  
Harry J. W. Belvin  
Principal Chief  
Choctaw Nation

February 19, 1951

Mr. Roy C. Green  
918 West Wyandotte  
Sulphur, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Green:

Thank you for your letter of the 12th and your word of appreciation on the work Congressman Stigler and I have done in the interests of the Indians of Oklahoma.

Regarding the award made by the Indian Claims Commission in payment of the long-disputed leased district claim, of the sum of \$2,587,883.47 to the Choctaw Indians, and \$902,008.11 to the Chickasaw Indians, Congress has already appropriated this money for payment to the members of these two Tribes and their heirs, which will mean a payment of about \$105 to \$200 apiece.

In the matter of the disposition of this money, the Indian Office will more than likely handle it in a manner similar to the segregated coal land money. I have, however, directed an inquiry to the Interior Department asking just how they plan to handle it, and hope to hear from them soon.

If I can ever be of further service to you, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

CA:m

CARL ALBERT, M. C.  
Third District, Oklahoma



Sulphur, Okla.  
Feb. 12th-1951--Monday

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Congressman Carl Albert  
U.S. House of Representatives.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman:

Regarding the Indians Claims Court decision on the Chickasaw-Choctaw claim, will you please advise me when Muskogee will start paying our per capita payment. If you cannot give me exact time, can you give me approximate time?

Can you also give me the approximate amount of payment.

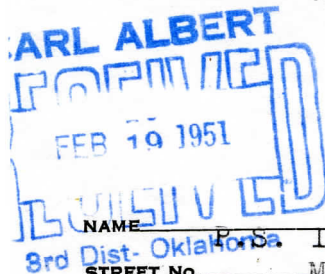
Also please give me some sort of idea as to what preliminary procedures the Department goes thru preceding the actual payment to us.

I am a blood Chickasaw on the original rolls.

I also wish to commend you and Bill Stigler for the nice work you have done for us. Practically all the Indians feel that way.

Thank you.

Roy C. Green  
918 W. Wyandotte  
Sulphur, Okla.



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ P.S. If it were not for you Okla. reps.  
STREET No. \_\_\_\_\_ Muskogee would never pay it out.

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

February 8, 1951

Mr. Sylvester A. Impalumbi  
P. O. Box 61  
Smithville, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Impalumbi:

I have your letter of the 1st, asking about the Choctaw payment coming up and whether it will be a per capita payment or not.

The Indian Claims Commission has awarded the Choctaws \$2,587,883.47 and the Chickasaws \$902,008.11, for which Congress has already appropriated the money for payment. This will mean a payment to the Indians and their heirs of about \$105 to \$200 apiece, however, just how the Interior Department plans to handle this hasn't been decided yet. I have taken it up with the Department and should have something on it within the next week or so, at which time I'll let you know.

Assuring you it is always a pleasure to serve you, I am

Sincerely yours,

CA:m

CARL ALBERT, M. C.  
Third District, Oklahoma

Smithville. Okla. P.O. Box 61.

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1951.

Hon. Carl Albert. M.C.

Washington. D.C.

Sir:-

I will write to a few words today.  
I ask you about Choctaw payment come in up  
this year. Also living enrolled members  
he per capita payment or not.?

Please let me know at Once.

Respectfully,

Sylvester A. Impelumbi.





*See file*

CARL ALB  
RECEIVED  
MAR 29 1951  
RESOLUTION  
3rd Dist. Oklahoma

RESOLUTION

On the 17th day of February, 1951, the Choctaw Indian citizens of the Choctaw Council of Haskell County, Oklahoma, held a meeting in Stigler for the purpose of discussing the delay of the Per Capita Payment Section in processing the claims of the heirs of the estates of deceased allottees, and after a general discussion the following resolution was duly passed:

WHEREAS, a great many of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Indians have not received any of their claims from deceased Indian estates, many of the Indians having passed away without receiving payment, and

WHEREAS, many of the Indians are in great need of immediate assistance, and

WHEREAS, we are told that another payment is due the Indians in the near future, and although the \$50,000 for administrative purposes to make the present payments is nearly exhausted, there still remains some 10,000 claims to be processed and paid, and

WHEREAS, no acknowledgment of any claims is made when received by the Per Capita Payment Section, the Indians have no way of knowing whether their claim has been received or not, and we have to resort to writing our Congressmen or our Chief in order to ascertain if the claim was received,

NOW, THEREFORE, We respectfully request that:

1. A correspondence Section be set up in the Per Capita Payment Section and the proofs of heirship be acknowledged when received and the inquiries of the Indians be answered, and when checks are mailed out that we have something to show on whom the payment was made. As it is now handled, we have no way of knowing which claim was paid and which remains to be paid.
2. That sufficient help be employed before the next payment is started - to hasten the processing of claims and that such help be required to give a full eight hours work per day for which they are paid and that the "organization" be done first and not after the work starts as has happened during this payment when all proceedings ceased twice for "re-organization." We think the Department should function more efficiently than that.
3. We further protest the Departmental policy of holding up all payments until the address of an absentee heir is ascertained inasmuch as Indians as well as Whites have a way of leaving home without furnishing an address and some of them have been gone long enough to be declared legally dead, yet the Department penalizes the other heirs if ~~absentee's share is not found~~ the delinquent is not found. We think the Department should hold the absentee's share in trust and pay the other heirs.

Name	Roll Number	Address
Mrs. J. M. Scantlen	4750	Stigler Okla.
Thelma Scantlen	N.E.	;
Mrs. Lucy England	7392	;
Edna Wyers	71916	;
Mrs. Alice Scott		;
Columbus Garhand	7073	;
James C. Garland	7594	;
Freeman Going	N.E.	;
Frank Lucas	7907	;
Elliot Baker	8765	;
Edward Colbert	8349	;
J. M. Harrill	7385	;
Susan T. Perry	8653	;
Wilbur James	7158	;
Josh Lucas		
<del>Frank Lucas</del>		
Mrs. Lena Moore	8537	
Mrs. Mammie B. Leflore	I.M. II74	
Mrs. Lula Grubbs		
Nelson A. Holman	N.E.	Mc Curtain Okl
Lillie Franklin	8480	;
Gladys Edna Holman		;
Mrs. Minnie Farmer	N.E.	;
Mrs. Jonathan Nix		
Jonathan Nix	7117	
Pete Cass	7024	
A. B. Garland	7126	Stigler Okla
W. S. James	9392	;
Tillian James	8198	;
Osborn Cass	7194	
Ishmes Marris		
James T. Williams	N.E.	
Mrs. Voila Lowrimore		Kinta Okla
Bennie Walls	1550	Tamaha
Willie Jones	335	Keota Okla
Silas Bonham	13684	Brooken
Jack Davidson	N.E.	Keota
John Jones	7273	;
Kathleen Moore	721	;
Mrs. Dora Moore	I.M.	;
Gertrude Moore		;
Buna Moore		;
Sampson Chubbie	7608	;
Monroe Gage		;
Mary Opal Perry	N.E.	Stigler Rt 2
Irene Marris	N.E.	;
Edith Williams	N.E.	Keota
Abelom Wallen	487	;
Campbell Perry	7901	;
Mrs. Lorine Cole	7381	;
Mrs. Pearl Jenkins	6488	Poteau Okla.
Kenneth Williams	6492	;
Ida Johnson		Stigler
Lena Johnson		;
Willie Johnson		;
David M. Hartshorn		Poteau Okla
Jennie Lucas		Stigler Rt 2
Gilbert Marris	120	;
Davis Garland		;
Albert Bily	6799	Poteau Okla.
Boyd Hughart	12896	Stigler
Ester Jones	N.E.	Keota



4. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the original of this resolution be sent to W. C. Roberts, Area Director, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and copies of same be sent to the following:

Harry J.W. Belvin, Principal Chief of Choctaws, Durant, Okla.;  
Congressman Carl Albert, Washington, D. C.;  
Congressman W. G. Stigler, Washington, D. C.;  
Senator Robert S. Kerr, Washington, D. C.;  
Senator Mike Monroney, Washington, D. C.;  
D. S. Myer, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.;  
Oscar L. Chapman, Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Dated this the 17th day of February, 1951, at Stigler, Oklahoma.

NAME

ROLL NUMBER

ADDRESS

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