

June 15, 1967

Mrs. Gladys Byrnes
227½ East 70th Street
Shreveport, Louisiana 71106

Dear Mrs. Byrnes:

You will recall that I advised you that I had taken up your question concerning per capita distribution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho judgment award with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. The Commissioner has replied and I quote his letter:

"We realize that there are many Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members, both on and off the former reservation, who are independent, self-supporting, and able to handle an unrestricted per capita payment wisely. However, we are also aware that there are many others who could benefit greatly from a planned program for the use of a portion of their funds. For this reason, in recent meetings with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Business Committee, we have explored the possibility of distributing a portion of each individual's share through a "family plan" program, with the remainder to be distributed in a per capital payment. We believe that a program of this type will permit all the tribal members to obtain the greatest long-term benefits from this judgment."

I, of course, sympathize with your desire to share in the programmed use of tribal funds and I will continue to urge the fairest possible distributions.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.

CA/Vck



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Reservation Programs
2227-67

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Honorable Carl Albert
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Albert:

This is in reply to your inquiry of May 23 in behalf of Mrs. Gladys Byrnes of Shreveport, Louisiana, who has asked your assistance in obtaining a total per capita distribution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho judgment award. She believes that she would not benefit from any programmed use of these funds.

11 We realize that there are many Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members, both on and off the former reservation, who are independent, self-supporting, and able to handle an unrestricted per capita payment wisely. However, we are also aware that there are many others who could benefit greatly from a planned program for the use of a portion of their funds. For this reason, in recent meetings with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Business Committee, we have explored the possibility of distributing a portion of each individual's share through a "family plan" program, with the remainder to be distributed in a per capita payment. We believe that a program of this type will permit all the tribal members to obtain the greatest long-term benefits from this judgment.

The use of judgment funds is subject to approval by Congress and the enactment of legislation authorizing the use of the funds.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Offin

Associate Commissioner

May 23, 1967

Mrs. Gladys Byrnes
227½ East 70th Street
Shreveport, Louisiana 71106

Dear Mrs. Byrnes:

Thank you for your letter concerning a per capital distribution of funds due the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. I do not have the authority to make such a decision but I have referred your request to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. If there is any relief available to you, the Commissioner will be able to advise you. I will be in touch with you again when I have had his reply.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.

CA/Vck

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
BU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

PENDING

May 23, 1967

Mr. Robert L. Bennett
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I enclose a copy of a letter I have received from Mrs. Gladys Byrnes who desires a per capita distribution of funds belonging to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. Mrs. Byrnes pointed out that she could not share in a tribal program since she does not live with her people. I would appreciate your checking into this matter and advising me of your findings.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.

Enclosure

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Shreveport Louisiana
May 19, 1967

Rep. Carl Albert
U. S. Senate

I am from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. All the tribal members who live off of the Reservation were urged to write their Senators and Congressmen in the State that they are now living in.

This concerns the distribution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Judgement Award.

I Gladys Byrnes request a Per Capita Individual Distribution of our Judgement Claims Docket No 329 A and No 329 B for Compensation of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Indians of Oklahoma.

I would not benefit from a program (S) use of our Claims Docket No 329 A and No 329 B recommended by the Bureau of Indian Affairs existing programs.

Thank you
Gladys Byrnes
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