

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
INDIAN AFFAIRS

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Mrs. Lucille Rossiter
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Dalhart, Texas 79022

Dear Mrs. Rossiter:

Thank you for your letter concerning the per capita distribution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho judgment award. I have had this issue up with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and for your information will quote his letter in part.

"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."

I certainly hope that the distribution of tribal funds can be handled in a manner which will provide equitably for all concerned. I understand further that ~~whatever~~ the distribution of funds are handled it will not deprive those who are living outside of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.

Dalhart, Texas
June 11, 1967.

Carl Albert
4148, House office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir.

I am writing in regard to House Resolution 11588. I think the money should be paid per capita to members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

Programing would not help.

The older members, and us who live outside of Okla. The next generation who are not on the roll can only be helped through their parents.

I am for Per Capita Individual Distribution"

Respectfully

Lucille Rossiter

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