

June 19, 1967

Mrs. Josephine Rossiter Buckmaster  
944 East 1100 North  
Ogden, Utah 84404

Dear Mrs. Buckmaster:

Thank you for your letter of June 13. I have received other letters concerning the matter of per capita distribution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho judgment award and have taken the matter up with the Commission of Indian Affairs. The Commissioner has replied and I quote from 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 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, 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.

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Mr. Carl Albert  
4148 House Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Albert:

I am a member of the Cheyenne and Arapho Indian Tribes of Oklahoma. We have a bill to be presented to the House and Senate in June. It is for compensation to the Cheyenne and Arapho Tribes. It is judgement award Docket #329A and 329B.

I would appreciate your vote and help for a Per Capita Individual Distribution of our judgement claims award Docket #329A and 329B. I would not benefit from a program(s) award use of our claims (House Resolution 11588) recommended by the Bureau of Indian Affairs existing programs.

We have very few of our Tribes living on the reservation and in my estimation the only fair way would be through individual distribution.

I have written my Congressmen from Utah asking they also support us in this judgement award.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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