

Indian Affairs

Tribal Operations

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Mr. Danny Tallbird

Towaoc, Colorado

Dear Mr. Tallbird:

We have been requested to reply to your letter to Honorable Carl Albert regarding the Cheyenne and Arapaho judgment fund.

We encourage tribes receiving a judgment award to develop programs for the use of their claims money so that they will gain the greatest long-term advantage therefrom. Although it is our consistent policy that the tribes program their judgment funds, this has not barred consideration of payments of a portion of the funds on a per capita basis. Members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Business Committee have discussed several proposals with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Primary consideration was given to a proposal which would distribute approximately two-thirds of the award in per capita and family plan payments, while the remaining one-third would be programmed for long-range economic development benefits. However, we have been informally advised that the Tribal Business Committee has now proposed a plan which would set aside \$500,000 for educational purposes and the balance for per capita distribution.

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

We have written an identical letter to Senator Carl Albert on the subject.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) S. W. Smith

ACTING Area Director

cc: Senator Carl Albert



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

Tallbird, Danny
IN REPLY REFER TO:

Reservation Programs
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Hon. Carl Albert
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Albert:

This is in reply to your letter of May 23, enclosing a copy of a letter which you received from Mr. Danny Tallbird who asks your assistance in obtaining a per capita distribution of the Claims Docket No. 329 and 329B judgment award made to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Indians of Oklahoma.

Mr. Tallbird did not furnish you with his address so you have asked that we contact him directly about the disposition of this judgment award. Since we do not have Mr. Tallbird's address in this office, we are taking the liberty of forwarding your letter, and enclosure, to our Anadarko Area Director. If he does not have the address available, we believe he can obtain it either from the Concho Agency or from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. He can then write to Mr. Tallbird and reassure him that--however the distribution of funds is handled--the fact that he is living in Colorado will not prevent him from benefiting. We are asking our Anadarko Area Director to forward you a copy of his reply.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Officer

Associate Commissioner

Enclosure

DEPT. OF INTERIOR (INDIAN AFFAIRS) TALLBIRD,
Mr. Danny

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 Mr. Danny Tallbird who desires a per capita distribution of funds belonging to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. Mr. Tallbird pointed out that he could not share in a tribal program since he does not live with his people. He did not include his address although his letter was postmarked Towaoc, Colorado. Possibly you have information on Mr. Tallbird and could contact him about his matter.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.

CA/Vck

May 17, 1967

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

Dear Congressman Albert:

I am a Cheyenne indian living in Colorado and would greatly appreciate it if you would consider granting me and my people a per capita individual distribution of our judgement Claims Docket #329A and 329B for compensation of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Indians of Oklahoma.

Since I do not live with my people in Oklahoma, it would be impossible for me to share in any program or programs which the Bureau of Indian Affairs would administer with our money; therefore, it is my request for a per capita individual distribution and very much appreciate any consideration you give my request.

Sincerely,


Danny Tallbird