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Thompson, Commission
xWhitekiller, Dave
(cherokee tribe)

June 24, 1975

Commissioner Morris Thompson
Bureau of Indian Affairs
1951 Constitution Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20245

Dear Commissioner Thompson:

Mr. Dave Whitekiller, a Cherokee, contacted us concerning an application for a grant under the Indian Financing Act. The purpose of the proposed grant was to assist him in establishing a packing plant in Greensburg, Kansas.

Mr. Whitekiller has heard informally that his application will not be approved. I have known Dave for a good number of years and was quite familiar with his activities during the period he served as President and Manager of the Cherokee Nation Industries in Stilwell, Oklahoma.

Any assistance you may provide him will certainly be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dewey F. Bartlett
U. S. Senator
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cc: Charles James
Area Director - BIA
Anadarko, Oklahoma

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Dear Ron

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Real nice to talk to you again,
Hope we can lite a fire on this,
maybe it'll help some one. Thanks
again I'll be in touch.

Dave Whitekiller

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Whitekiller, Dave
cherokee

August 15, 1975

Mr. Dave Whitekiller
2309 First St., Apt. 134
Dodge City, Kansas 67801

Dear Dave:

As you know, we wrote to the Secretary of the Interior concerning the possibility of your participating in the Indian Financing Act. Our latest communication from the Secretary indicated that they have written to you explaining the reasons why they were not able to accept an application for funding from you.

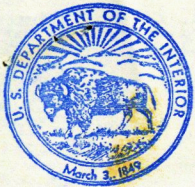
We continue to have problems in the State of Oklahoma concerning the Bureau's interpretation of "on or near a reservation." We have recently written to the Secretary encouraging him to consider the reservation boundaries that were established prior to statehood for consideration in their interpretation of the present Indian Financing Act.

Sorry we couldn't be of more help.

Sincerely,

Don Bluejacket
Field Representative to
U. S. Senator Dewey F. Bartlett
OKLAHOMA

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20245

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Honorable Dewey Bartlett
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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Dear Senator Bartlett:

Thank you for your letter of June 24 concerning Mr. Dave Whitekiller and his application for a grant under the Indian Financing Act. The purpose of the grant was to establish a packing plant in Greensburg, Kansas.

We have written directly to Mr. Whitekiller regarding his grant request and have enclosed a copy of the letter for your information. Section 401 of the Indian Financing Act requires the Indian enterprise to be located on or near the reservation. Since Mr. Whitekiller's business would be located in Greensburg, Kansas, he would not be eligible for a grant under the Act. We have suggested that he contact the Small Business Administration for assistance.

If you have further questions on this matter please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Director, Office of Tribal
Resources Development

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20245

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Financial Assistance

JULY 8, 1975

Mr. Dave Whitekiller
2301 1st Apartment 134
Dodge City, Kansas 67801

Dear Mr. Whitekiller:

Your June 24, 1975, letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs has been referred to my office for response.

Based on the information in your letter, the Horton Agency in Kansas was correct in denying your grant request since your proposed business endeavor would not be on or near an Indian reservation. Section 401 of the Indian Financing Act of 1974 restricts grants under the Indian Business Development Program to "profit-making, Indian-owned economic enterprises on or near reservations." Section 3(d) of the Act defines reservation to include "Indian reservations, public domain Indian allotments, former Indian reservations in Oklahoma, and land held by incorporated Native groups, regional corporations, and village corporations under the provisions of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act."

We have no latitude or discretion as you suggest in your letter, because the wording in the Act, "on or near reservations," is quite explicit. It was the intent of Congress in passing this legislation to promote the economic development of reservations.

The U.S. Small Business Administration has a district office in Wichita, Kansas, at 120 South Market Street (phone: 316-267-6311), which you might contact for advice as to other financial assistance.

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) GEORGE LYNN

Acting Director, Office of Tribal
Resources Development

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