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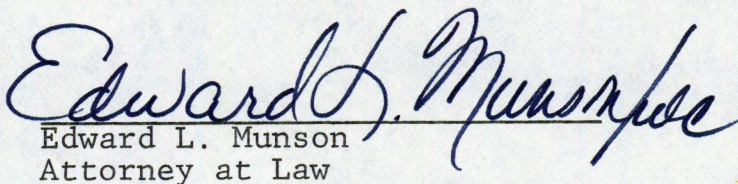
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August 20, 1975

Mr. Don Bluejacket:

The enclosed copies of letters are for your information.

Sincerely,

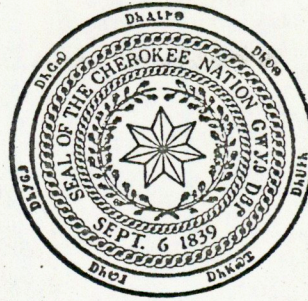

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August 18, 1975

Honorable Dewey Bartlett, Oklahoma
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

RE: Indian Housing Hearings held in Oklahoma, Holiday Inn
Muskogee, Oklahoma, August 6, 1975.

Dear Senator Bartlett:

Please let the record show our response to freshman Congressman Ted Risenhoover, 2ND District (Democrat) allegations of mismanagement and discrimination. We are enclosing for the record a letter from Mr. Leonard Chaires, Assistant Regional Administrator for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Dallas Region VI. The letter is self explanatory. The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma carefully considered project sites and design criteria before selecting IBEC Housing Company of Oklahoma as Developer. The Board follows this procedure in every case when accepting or rejecting proposals for housing development; development cost is not the primary criteria for Developer selection and no discrimination was intended by the Board in rejecting K & T Construction Company.

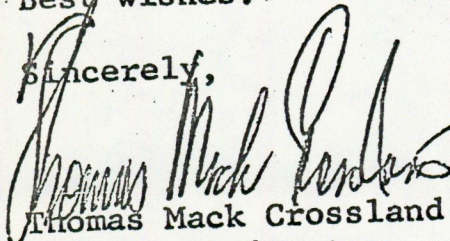
Congressman Risenhoover's allegations of mismanagement by the Cherokee Nation Housing Authority is completely unfounded and it is apparent that his information sources are unreliable. It is regrettable that a U.S. Congressman must lower his priorities to the level of attacking a struggling Indian Housing Authority trying to house its people. Whatever his motives or motives of his advisors, the Cherokee Nation Housing Program is the largest and most successful Indian Housing Program in the Nation. We are proud of our achievements and welcome inspection by the Department of Housing and Urban Development or the general public.

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Senator Bartlett
August 18, 1975

Please let the record show that Mr. H. R. Crawford, Assistant Secretary for Housing Management is highly knowledgeable of Indian Housing problems and is working very closely with Indian Housing Authorities in effort to assist them whenever possible.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Thomas Mack Crossland
Executive Director

cc: Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
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Enclosures (2)

P. S. Please let the record show that Congressman Risenhoover's information he requested from our Authority was sent to him March 24, 1975, as per attached copy of transmittal letter.



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
REGIONAL OFFICE
1100 COMMERCE STREET
DALLAS, TEXAS 75202

August 8, 1975

REGION VI

IN REPLY REFER TO:

6EC

Phone: 214,749-7461

06-75-06-245-400

Mr. Thomas Mack Crossland
Executive Director, Housing Authority of the
Cherokee Nation
P. O. Box 794
Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464

Dear Mr. Crossland:

Complaint of K. and T. Construction Company against the Cherokee Nation Housing Authority was forwarded to the Dallas Regional Office from the Oklahoma City Area Office on June 12, 1975.

Our letter to complainant on June 27, 1975, advised that there was no jurisdictional remedy under Executive Order 11246. A copy was furnished the forwarding Office in Oklahoma City with the assumption that the Cherokee Nation Housing Authority, as respondent, would be advised. We were not aware of the failure to inform you until a telephone call was received in this office on August 7, 1975, from Edward Munson, Attorney for your Authority.

We regret the informing failure and are enclosing a copy of the determination letter to the complainant.

Sincerely,

Leonard Chaires
Assistant Regional Administrator for
Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

Enclosure

June 27, 1975

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K and T. Construction Company
% Aztec Development Company
P. O. Box 188
Stillwell, Oklahoma 74960

Gentlemen:

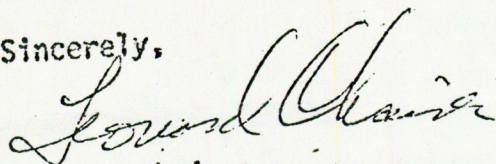
Your letter of May 27, 1975, addressed to Mr. Robert H. Breeden, Director of HUD Area Office, Oklahoma City, has been forwarded to the Regional Office of HUD, Dallas, Texas.

Executive Order 11246 dated September 24, 1965, and subsequent amendments, provided as a condition for approval that the applicant for Federal assistance involving a construction contract undertakes and agrees to incorporate the provisions prescribed for Government contracts by Section 202 of said order, Paragraphs one to seven. It provides that the authorized areas of discrimination are because of race, religion, color, national origin or sex.

In your complaint there does not appear to be jurisdictional remedy under Executive Order 11246 since it is stated in your letter that: "We believe that we were discriminated against in this project due to the political power of IBEC."

In view of the above the Assistant Secretary has determined not to accept your complaint because of lack of jurisdiction.

Sincerely,



Leonard Chaires
Assistant Regional Administrator for
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March 24, 1975

Congressman Ted Risenhoover
1407 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Risenhoover:

We are transmitting herewith, the information you requested sometime ago. We are sorry for the delay, however, we are shorthanded and trying to process the annual re-examination of income.

1. Attorneys used by IHA, past and present. 1968 - 1975

- a. Field Solicitors, BIA, Muskogee, Oklahoma
- b. Jim Groves, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- c. Gene Mowery, Stilwell, Oklahoma
- d. Elton Johnson, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
- e. Ross Swimmer, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
- f. Jack Brown, Miami, Oklahoma
- g. Ernest Brown, Pryor, Oklahoma
- h. Fred Green, Sallisaw, Oklahoma
- i. Dan George, Sallisaw, Oklahoma
- j. Keen and Munson, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

2. Department of Housing & Urban Development Inspectors.

- a. John Shaw, Dallas and Oklahoma City
- b. Preacher Bassett, Dallas, Texas
- c. J. T. Mayes, Oklahoma City
- d. John Allen, Oklahoma City
- e. Harvey Collins, Oklahoma City
- f. Emory Hayes, Oklahoma City
- g. Wilbur Ash, Oklahoma City
- h. Robert Maddox, Oklahoma City
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