

Indian Affairs

June 11, 1946

Mr. Fred Lookout
Principal Chief of the Osages
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

Dear Friend:

I am just in receipt of your letter of June 7th enclosing carbon copy of your letter of the same date to the Honorable Jed Johnson, Chairman of the subcommittee on Interior Department of the Committee on Appropriations, and clipping from the Daily Journal-Capital giving an account of the recent election of Councilmen.

I have always taken the attitude that it is the duty of a Representative in Congress to represent his constituents the best he can; and that is what I am endeavoring to do. Quite naturally, I assumed that the former members of your Council who were here represented the wishes of the Osages in Oklahoma, and they told the Committee here that they represented the wishes of your people. However, I was not on the Appropriations Committee at that time and had nothing to do with the program, except to introduce them to Chairman Jed Johnson. I am now a member of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives, and shall have more to say about the situation in the future. I shall want to know accurately and definitely, what you people want and need, well in advance of the consideration of your appropriation bill next year.

With all good wishes, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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SCHWABE COLL

Pawhuska, Oklahoma
June 7, 1946

Honorable George B. Schwabe
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Schwabe:

You are the Representative of all the people in this district. At our tribal election of June 3, my people plainly showed that they did not approve of the tactics pursued by the delegation which appeared in Washington on March 15.

Many of our people are worried about what will happen if the Congress reduces our appropriation and cuts off the services we need. As my Congressman, I earnestly urge you to use your best efforts to get the full amount of our budget estimate restored when the Osage item in the Interior Department Appropriation Bill goes to conference.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of our letter of even date to Congressman Jed Johnson together with a clipping from the June 4 issue of the Pawhuska paper which gives the election results.

With kind personal regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Fred Lookout

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Pawhuska, Oklahoma
June 7, 1946

Honorable Jed Johnson,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Interior Department,
Committee on Appropriations,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On March 15, a delegation consisting of four members of the Osage Council, the Council secretary, and the Assistant Chief, appeared before your committee and made a number of recommendations with regard to the abolishment of certain functions of the Osage Agency in order to effect a reduction in our budget. Your committee, apparently in the belief these gentlemen represented the views and wishes of the Osage people, recommended a reduction in the item for the support of our Agency in the amount of \$27,473, which was subsequently approved by the House. It is apparent this delegation did not understand the full import of its recommendations and the resultant harm to large numbers of our people if carried out, for on April 17, three members thereof reconsidered and joined two other members of the Council in adopting Resolution No. 164, which rescinds the action of the delegation on March 15. That the March 15 recommendations of this delegation did not meet with the wishes of my people is further evidenced by the fact that all members thereof, with the exception of Mr. Pitts, were crushingly defeated for re-election at the quadrennial general tribal election held last Monday, June 3rd. In this connection, I enclose a clipping from the June 4 issue of the Pawhuska Daily Journal-Capital which gives the election results.

Word has reached me that the Senate has voted to restore the funds for the support of our Agency that were taken out by the House of Representatives. If our appropriation is reduced at this time it will eliminate or seriously interfere with important functions of our Agency and result in injury to large numbers of our people. I therefore earnestly appeal to you and the House conferees to support the action of the Senate in restoring the full amount of our budget estimate for 1947 when the Osage item goes to conference.

Sincerely,

Fred Lookout

Fred Lookout,
Principal Chief of the Osages.

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SCHWABE COLL

We concur:

Frank V. Shaw
Frank V. Shaw
Assistant Chief-elect

Ed. Simpkins
Ed Simpkins
Councilman

Dave Ware
Dave Ware
Councilman-elect

Charles Carter
Charles Carter
Councilman-elect

Joe Revelette
Joe Revelette
Councilman-elect

George V. Labadie
George V. Labadie
Councilman-elect

Joe Mason
Joe Mason
Councilman-elect

Dick Petersmoie
Dick Petersmoie
Councilman-elect

Paul Pitts
Paul Pitts
Councilman

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