

Washington, D. C., May 1, 1946.

Hon. George B. Schwabe, M. C.,
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

Attached is a proposed bill for settlement of Indian claims, final accounting, and the liquidation of the Indian bureau as to Oklahoma Indians and their affairs. Also attached, is a memorandum in justification of the proposed action. Both are submitted for your information and consideration.

The present Congress will soon vote an appropriation of \$40,000,000, approximating \$100 per Indian, to the bureau of Indian affairs for its use and benefit throughout the fiscal year 1947, in its assumed protection of the "interests" of "400,000 Indians and Eskimos in the United States and Alaska, and to aid them in becoming economically independent."

In the 400,000 group which the bureau offers to the Congress for appropriation purposes, are at least 100,000 Oklahoma Indians who will never see an official of the Indian bureau protecting their interests or aiding them in becoming economically independent - they just won't even meet each other. And, a considerable number of this 400,000 figure are long since dead. Bureau excuse for collecting money for bureau support in its efforts to protect the "interests" of the dead and aiding them "in becoming economically independent" should be interesting.

Soon a member of your Body will vote for an hundred dollar appropriation out of the Treasury to the Indian bureau for the protection of his "interests" and in aid of his "becoming economically independent."

The proposed attached bill is the opposite or solution to the present bureau fraud of hoodwinking the Congress into appropriating millions of dollars out of the Treasury for the performance of duties NEVER performed - in the case of 100,000 or more Oklahoma Indians; it also provides a measure of justice to the Indians of today for the many injustices of yesterday, for all of which he receipts the government, fully, finally and forever.

The cost-item in the proposed bill is predicated on wrongs of the past - fully covered in the memorandum - and the fact that one-third of the government's expenditures on the Indian the past 13 years, would practically have met this expense. Also, from the further fact it is contemplated the present bureau fraud shall be

continued another 50 years, at a total cost to the taxpayer of one and a half billion or two billion dollars, with a savings of \$750,000,000, or a fifty percent saving in the proposed 50-year expenditure, through the creation of a claims commission.

Indians of Oklahoma, comprising more than one-third of the Indian citizenship of the nation, may be settled with for \$10,000,000 less than one-third of \$750,000,000, finally and forever, at a clear savings of \$260,000,000 of the amount it is suggested will be spent on them "the next 50 years." This point is fully covered in the memorandum.

I am due back in Oklahoma the coming week but shall make it a point to see you before leaving the City.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

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