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Mr. Q. P. McChes
Gateway City
Via Pryor, Oklahoma

Dear Friend:

I received your letter sometime ago relative to the O. K. Chandler Indian Bill. Perhaps I should have answered sooner, but we have been exceptionally busy here and the mail has been tremendously heavy. The New Dealers are doing everything they can to rush through a lot of their red legislation and my correspondence has been rather sadly neglected at times. However, I think we shall adjourn within the next ten days or two weeks. Soon after adjournment I shall back in the district and I expect to be in your part of the country and call and see you and have a talk with you about matters you consider of prime importance, particularly the so-called Chandler Bill.

Thanking you for your views, and with all good wishes,
I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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Q. P. McGHEE

GATEWAY CITY

via PRYOR, OKLAHOMA

June 24th 1946

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

Dear Sir and Friend:-


Your letter acknowledging receipt of my post scrip received and I am highly honored. Naturally I cannot figure what difference it makes who wrote the Herrington letter, or who wrote the bill; I hope you are right, that it was written by my friend O.K. Chandler; because it would, in my opinion be written by a man who knows what he is talking about.

Now I want to state my position on this matter in a few words" I am one quarter Indian, I am for this bill as written by as you say O.K. Chandler, (and he should be in Congress) not that I need the money, for my wife and me have retired from business having in our possession enough money, even under the new deal to last us so long as we will be permitted to live; but for those Indians that do not by regulation and misfortune have the necessary funds to carry on, I am still fighting.

I am now 60 years old and do not give a damn who records our deeds, who is our County Judge, or Sheriff; but I am interested in who goes to Congress and the Senate; and I have with my own funds bought a Public Address system and if my voice holds out I will be paying my own way and in my crusade visit every township in this district before November election and in talking to my people in their own language which I speak, tell them who, no matter what his politics may be, has come out in the open and declared himself for the Bill written by O.K. Chandler, who in my opinion is best qualified to write a bill that will in the end partly repay for the wrong heretofore done the Indian. And I assure you that he did not write this letter, nor read it nor dictate it and that it comes from my heart and that I am going to the people over my loud speaker and yell wolf; against the man who says he will consider and refuses to come out in the open and say where he stands.

Now do not mis-understand me, I want a Republican Congress and I may be for you, but I want you to say in no uncertain terms that you are either for or against this bill, no matter who wrote it.

Your friend

Q.P. McGhee


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