

SCHWABE COLL

Indian Affairs

July 16, 1946

Mr. Reed Buzzard
S C. Northeast
Miami, Oklahoma

Dear Friend:

I want to thank you for your letter of recent date relative to the proposed legislation worked out by our mutual friend, Mr. O. K. Chandler of your city.

I have given this measure serious consideration and have talked to a number of my colleagues about the same. I also talked to Mr. Chandler while he was in Washington. There are many things which he advocates that I am certainly very strong for, and one of them is to get rid of the Indian Bureau as fast as possible. It is a drain upon the taxpayers and in my opinion a poor guardian for the Indians. I think it tends to encourage paternalism and socialistic, and in some instances, communistic thinking and tries to inculcate these ideas in the Indians. If there is any group of our people who should live America and American ideals, it is our Indian people. They should be the last to adopt some of these foreign isms. I think Congress has given the Indian Bureau entirely too much dictatorial authority over the Indians and in many instances the Indians should have been absolutely free from any supervision of the Indian Bureau and its agents.

I want to thank you for your voluntary support in the Primary and for anything you may see fit to do for me in the general election.

I expect to be home soon after Congress adjourns and I want to say and talk to as many of the people as possible in order to get their ideas of what should be done by the next Congress. In this connection, I would like to see and have a visit with you when I am in Miami or when you happen to be in Tulsa.

With all good wishes, I beg to remain

Yours sincerely,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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Miami, Oklahoma, June 22, 1946.

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

Dear Mr. Schwabe:

I wish to endorse to you the proposed Indian bill by O. K. Chandler of this City.

I am a Republican and an Indian, interested in the success of the Party and final settlement with the Indians.

This idea of going on forever with this Indian business is both silly and expensive. Paying for the protection of the interests of Indians who need no protection and receive none, is not defensible by anyone. The Chandler proposal gets the thing over with and that is what practically every Indian Wants.

It is good Republican politics in Ottawa county and the State of Oklahoma. It should be introduced in Congress now and made an issue in the forthcoming campaign; it will get thousands of Democrat Indian votes for the Republican party.

I am casting my vote on July 2, for the nomination of George B. Schwabe as Republican candidate for the First Oklahoma district in Congress.

Very truly yours,

Reed Buzzard

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Miami, Oklahoma.

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