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Virgil Harrington: So, if I don't wrap up what the constitution was analyze and written up by the commissioner's staff, Secretary of solicitors office, we got this back and I'm sorry that we just got it back the other day and we don't have enough copies to pass out here to everyone, but we do plan on making copies and getting them out to every member of the Council within the next few days and anyone else that would be interested in them. One of the first things that we are going to have to do to get your plans underway for the election on the constitution is the selection of an election committee. A committee that works with our office to draw up your registration procedures to have eligible voters to sign up and register before the election that date, start the registration and vote that day and after that day, no one else sign up to be elected. We feel that about five members of the tribe will be sufficient to set down and work and draw up the rules and regulation procedures and invitations to get out to members of the tribe. We are hopeful that the council will use good judgment in selection many peoples that can handle the process of drawing these regulations. (not clear) A lot of discussions, but I want to say that you're going to come out ahead of all the other five tribes. I say this with reason that the Cherokees are just now moving in to try to get procedures set up for election, plus the fact that there is a bill before congress that all the five tribes will have to sit down and do this. You are about two years ahead of most of them. And I want to congratulate the fine work that's been done and the work of this council. You are going to find that you are going to move into something that you are going to have more interest with the effort of this tribe and you are going to have a greater participation, in this tribe and its going to give everyone an opportunity to express himself in a secret ballot election on the constitution, on your chief and on you second chief and on your councilmen. The democratic