

the past about Oklahoma Indians. I think Oklahoma Indians, from my observation, is probably, that is, many of them are in dire poverty as some of them are here in the city. And so I think that you can also say that a positive side about that, you do have many Indians who has accomplished great goals in Oklahoma, which is good, I guess. Opportunity has been a lot more available there, then probably here. But I think Choctaws in Mississippi are on their way up, definitely. Is that any comparison?

(Very good, definitely, and before I go on I might better put on tape here that you are Phillip Martin, chairman of the tribal council in Mississippi. For the records, I wanted to make that statement, I don't believe I had it at the beginning. Yes, this is a very good comparison, and you've got a very broad insight in what some of our problems are in Oklahoma, and some of the difficulties, and the fact that we haven't made any progress or job progress as indicated or expected from our people. So I think you are right. I see the group here in Mississippi at this particular time, especially since back in Oklahoma we are becoming a great deal more tribalistic now than we have in the past and to get them to organize and pull together. The group here has, to me from what I've observed since being here, a more firm base, a more solid or involved community and plans to extend and develop in their enterprises and I think what I'm saying, really, is that they've already set the base for this involvement with all the people and the development of individuals to a greater extend, maybe, than we have back in Oklahoma. Now certainly, we've become integrated I guess you would say, or at least this is the way we have become integrated and this hasn't