

because he can speak the Indian language and I can't. His job is to communicate with the communities. He has a big job. We have--no one knows how many--but probably around 100 Indian communities. All of these people are Cherokees and they all have a right to know what the tribe is doing and what we're spending money on and have us to come to you occasionally and to report to you. That's what I am here for. I have the records that I have pulled from the files and I have them here with me tonight. I have a complete record of all the money that was received back in 1961 of \$14 million, I have a record of it right here where it's all been spent. I also have a record of all the employees that is currently being paid from tribal funds. I can tell you what their jobs are and what they do. I also have a record of all the committees that have been appointed by the principal chief to work for the tribe. These committees are not paid people, but when they have to travel their expenses are paid by the tribe. I have a list of all the committees that is currently serving the Cherokee people. I don't have a speech to make tonight, I'm simply here to give you information. I might add that this afternoon I got a call from Chief Keeler and he has been to Europe. On his way to Europe he stopped in Washington, D. C. and talked to Commissioner Bennet. They, at that time, decided that when the Cherokees are ready that Commissioner Bennet will introduce a bill in Congress, and he sees no reason why it would not pass, that will allow you to choose your executive committee and your principal chief. And this makes me very happy, because like I say I've wanted that all my life. I have a lot of faith in the Cherokee people. I think we can run our own affairs. I don't believe it's necessary for someone else to appoint people to work for us. For that reason I'm here now. I think we have among our people the knowledge and the wisdom to do for ourselves what they haven't let us do since Oklahoma became a state. We have among our old people the wisdom to know what to do. We have among our young people, the knowledge on how to get it done. This is