

about this time I just about retired--around the late fifties.

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No--it was about around the middle fifties. I got word that I was invited to Washington, D. C., through the recommendation of our Area Office. And there's two mens from Oklahoma--one of them was Floyd Maytubby of the five civilized tribes. And this was myself--for the southwestern district. Altogether there's twelve tribes throughout the United States that were invited to sit down with the democrat (unintelligible phrase). We were invited. This is what they called this General Survey. I went and attended that meeting in Washington. Everybody was there--the Commissioner and associates--the only fellow that was gone was the Secretary of the Interior--Chapman. But he promised to be there the last couple of days, maybe. And they were busy at that time. I throwed this in there about the time the meeting was over--I want to see the President. But the President was out. We went the wrong time, I guess-- (That was President Eisenhower then?)

No, it was Truman. It was way back, right after Roosevelt. (Oh, this was before you retired?)

Yes. We listen to the reservation peoples, me and Floyd. Our table was set like a T, you know--those celebrities was sitting all up there, you know (at the head of the T-shaped table)-- the Commissioner and the Assistants and that Secretary and his Assistants. The Secretary was gone. Anyway, down this other way we were all sitting in a line. Floyd Maytubby was sitting over there. I think I loaned that picture to Doc (Bittle). He might have it or he might have given it back to me. All of us there were in that picture. Well, the subject comes out and it just goes around the table. We discuss that certain problem. Once in a while I get in on the problem. It's interesting. When it comes to tribal lands, I get in there. Talk about my area here--what could be better in the way of promoting our tribal lands and individual lands. What we need is closer work with federal representative from your office--that's what I tell them. Want somebody out there to give us some kind