

of support, or instructor. Give us help, some way, to better ourselves. Of course we know that, but we like help. When it comes to that loan--when he comes to money--boy, that's the time I come out! I sat there two days. I just--lot of things come through my mind while these peoples were talking about their reservations--what's taking place. For instance, now, you take them peoples in the state of Washington--you know they had a fight here a while back over that land--what they call "tidelands", you know. That water runs back into their lands. They fought the government over that. I think John was in on that deal. He said they was throwing rocks at those federal mans, and state.

(Was this on their fishing rights?)

Yeah, and timber. Well, timber was all right, but this fishing right, that's the trouble they were having with the government. This guy, George, this is the way he put it, he said, "We have set up where we think we could take our reins." What he means is, he wants to take the reins--let the Indians run the whole thing themselves. They want to take their Superintendent or Area Director out of the way. Want to take everybody that's running the park out and put all Indians in there--operate it by Indians. He said, "We're ready." Well, this Assistant Secretary told him that it was fine. "But," he said, "If it had been me, I wouldn't have suggested or even think about it, because what more can you ask for? You're protected now. The way it is, I don't think you can make it any better. We're taking care of your problems. I don't think anybody would bother you. I think it's best just the way it is. There'll be a time when you'll take your own reins. But, be careful. That's my advice--be careful. First mistake you make," he said, "You're going to regret it." Now when it came to me, I brought out my district's affairs. Brought that out. So I brought my papers--the one we wrote and the one they returned (concerning request for loan fund). I start talking and I talk about 45 minutes on this one side. On the one we made. Just about the time I jumped on theirs, they want to cut me off. But my friend, Floyd Maytubby, said, "Let him go." He