

course, is to provide the Indian people with the broadest possible opportunities for improving their basic standards of living and for becoming fully productive contributors to the future economic development of States like Oklahoma. The results, I am confident, will be widely beneficial to Indians and non-Indians alike.

There are, of course, many other aspects of the current Indian situation which could be discussed. But I realize that the time is limited and that many of you have other business which urgently needs attention. My main purpose here has been to give you some insight into the character of our operations in the Bureau of Indian Affairs and tell you something about our more important hopes and aspirations for helping the Indian people to build a better and more rewarding way of life as a part of the larger American community. I hope that I have not been entirely unsuccessful in this undertaking.