

(Oh, I see. Well I suppose he went out there then to make a decision as to whose fault it was or to determine what was the cause of the leak, etc?)

Yes..

(I see.)

I think I read an article in the paper that he did go out there and make a decision on the who the blame was or whose fault this incident was along this coastline.

(Un-huh, I see. Well Mr. Groundhog, I'm trying to figure out exactly how you're concerned about this situation. In other words, you're more or less concerned with the land claims over there and the freeze that has been put on the land and you're hoping that this freeze will not be lifted until it can be to the best interest of the Indian people there and the Native Alaskans and the Eskimos. Is that about it?)

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Yes, I am hoping that the Secretary of Interior will react on similar basis to the way the O.C.C.O.'s policy, so to speak. Speaking about the policy, I do not have the policy myself. The policy holders are the Cherokee's as a whole and they plan for their best interest and I think the Secretary of Interior should take the point of view and focus to the Natives regardless of what state he may be concerned about. The policy should come from the people that are native to this land or the land holders. The people that are living on this land, they should have freedom to have their voice in it and let the Secretary of Interior act as the people who are native to this country or to the state, have their choice how this land of their's should be operated.

(Oh, I see. In other words if they're ready for it to be lifted, lift it and if they're not why then wait until they are ready?)