

Staff Research goes on to say this and I quote: "Although the branch maintains elaborate records of productions, revenues, and so forth, as supplied by the operators, there is very little field monitoring of the actual operators production reports. Detail verification of production, of course, approximately 9,000 producing wells as to the quality and amounts produced is neither feasible or practical but in some field checks would seem desirable. At present, no sampling method has been devised to check production or the removal of oil and gas from the field through any means: tank bottery, pipe lines, or trucks." This is from the Staff of Research. This was put out on March, 1962. The mineral branch takes the position that operators and the employees can be fully relied upon in this matter. The statement by the responsible official in the branch that we do not believe in checking guaging, reflects their position. Most of the operators are undoubtedly honest and conscientious but even they are subject to errors. In the past, there has been cases of fraud and a recent one is now pending on the Federal courts. Adequate protection of tribal interest requires that attention be directed to this problem. It is the opinion of the Superintendent which SRI fully occurs that the Agency in this important function has been quite vulnerable, that a practical auditing program should be put into effect as soon as possible." Now, not too long ago, just since this Superintendent's been here, and this is one thing that you people do not know. Sun Right DX got oil from the Osages and at the time the oil was \$3.08 a barrel, and they failed to pay the 8¢ a barrel on that. They got away with that through the minerals branch. Since the Superintendent has come, he has called in the auditors from Washington and had the-