

a settlement. When we got up there, Mr. -Barnie wanted only hold a this claim for some where around \$11,000,000 of which the Council didn't go for that. We all come home very sad about it because we thought that in having our minds ask 75¢ an acre across the board which would have been a good price. When we got up there, Mr. Barnie was the one wanting to even get down maybe, in some cases, lower than 45¢ an acre. And, then, cut the acreage down because he did say that it was too much money and too much acreage. Anyhow, when this thing came up, you see, it was quite political up there. By my being the only Republican on the Council, they kind of ignored the people who were in charge. Mr. Belmon, Mr. Belcher, President, and Secretary of the Interior, the Advisory to the President, and Mr. Bud Wilkinson, were all Republicans; and they're the ones that we have to deal with. Mr. Edmonson came to the Council on the first part of January. He says, "Fellows, I've done everything that I can do because, now, things have changed since the last administration. The Republicans are in power so, then, we're going to have to deal with the Republicans. I can just go so far. I can go and ask them but they're going to ignore me." So on the 3rd day of December, we got word---

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we got word that this claim was going to be appealed. I ask the Chief and the Superintendent, at that time, I said, "Well, now is the time that we should go to Washington and act because this thing, I believe, we can stop it if we go up there." Of course, they didn't heed my thoughts on it and so, on the 7th day of December, the thing was really, they found out that the thing was going to be appealed. Then, they