

I still say that if Vess hadn't been there at the proper time, not that he made any impression on them, but just to bring to their mind that there were people interested in this. He didn't say the tribal council. He said "as a member of the tribe" which you could have done. Any member of the Osage tribe could have gone up there and said, "Well, we would like to know the status of this claim," and they would have answered you. Anyway, when we left there, we went over to see Bud Wilkinson. I said, "Vess, you can't get in and see him at the White House. You don't have an appointment."

He said, "Well, let's just see how good a politician I am." When we got over there, I didn't even go to the front. I sat in the back. He told them, "I want to see Mr. Bud Wilkinson."

They said, "Well, do you have an appointment?"

He said, "No, I don't have."

They said, "Well, do you know him?"

He said, "Yes, I know him."

"Well, there's his number. Go over to the telephone and call." That's the way they get rid of all the cranks and all. Well, Vess called and he told the girl who he was. She talked to Bud and he said, "Well, tell him to come on back. I am booked up here, but I'll visit him between the appointments."

When we got back there, we waited 5 minutes in the outer office. Then, he had us come into the main office. He said, "Vess, I have a man in this office, and I got one over there, but I'll talk with you. I was just getting ready to call you in Oklahoma. I had gotten the most garbel telegram I've ever received, and I don't know what it means. When