

Jordan: The other two had their pick?

Irene: Had their pick. They got less land.

Jordan: Yes, but the others got more land?

Irene: Yeah, more land because they didn't pick it.

Jordan: And that was all Old Man Achilta's land?

Irene: Children, yeah. That was his hundred and sixty. So that's the way the Agency works, too, from way back.

Jordan: I'll never understand how they work.

Irene: Yeah, but we know, you know-- We do.

Birdie: We don't want to be turned loose and yet--

Irene: Well, if they did turn us loose, they wouldn't have a job.

Jordan: But what if they reorganized the Agency--you know, the Bureau-- and made it a completely Indian organization? From the ground up?

Birdie: They should, ain't it? But Indians, too, they're greedy. Just like these committees. Pretty soon they all be fighting one another.

Irene: See how the committees are doing us now? They just want to shove us out of the way and get rid of us and here we'd be.

Birdie: Getting (?) approval of everybody's land sale, ain't it?

Davis: What if this project of ours worked out and we had a construction company made up of Indians making homes for Indians? How could that work out?

Birdie: That would be helping lot of Indians. Lot of them could use it. They got talent, lot of these Indian boys. They can help.

Irene: Only thing they'd have to do is have a boss to tell them what to do. Supervisor.

Jordan: What about an Indian boss or supervisor?

Irene: I guess that would be all right.