

Irene: They got field workers but they don't--they're feeding somewhere else. And they use our funds to--I guess they use the gas and I buy ours! And they have all those cars to do all that. And they're supposed to have field workers for us. But you never did see a government employee come and see you. Even they're supposed to have field nurses. Field nurses never make their rounds.

GETTING THE "RUN-AROUND" FROM THE AGENCY

Birdie: It makes you so discouraged you just give up! Jack went for a little loan so that when he was working, he's trying to be silversmith now. And he wanted to build a little room on the side of the house. And he said, "I can build it if I even had a thousand dollars. I could build that room and wire it up and fix it up myself. I can do it myself." So we went over there and they said they didn't have the money. He'd have to go to Oklahoma City. And so he just let it go. You know it just kinda discourages you. He said, "We'll just let it go and one of these days maybe we'll get a little ahead and then I can do it little by little." I going to get you know--we'll try to do a little work. We just need it bad, you know, in the back. And we're still trying to fix up in there (the other room).

Irene: You fixed this house up with your Indian money didn't you? (referring to claims payment a year or so ago).

Birdie: Yeah. Our Indian money and what little we can get from--a loan and that's the way we fix this house. And see, we still got work to do on it yet. And then we need paint and we need shingles and stuff, but we're not about to go to the Area Office because they're not going to help us anyway. Even if I got--I wanted to check on Daddy's account and he said all his bills are paid. Paid now.

Jordan: Well, where in Oklahoma City would he have gone?

Birdie: I don't know. They just told him to come back and we'll give you