

Roberta: Little Alford's place! Boy! It's that way. We don't do that much business with the Office. We don't have nothing to do with them, as far as that goes, anymore than they want to mess with us, because all they do is write out little bitty checks whenever the money comes in. In fact they don't do that--doesn't it come from--

Irene: You have to beg them before they write you a check!

Roberta: Oh, and they found out that my husband gets three hundred and fifty-seven dollars a year off his land. And I don't get even over a hundred dollars from my own land. And they counted all of that up, like we were putting it in the bank or something. But we just don't have it.

Henderson: Well, did the Agency rule that you were not eligible or was it your Housing authority--?

Roberta: It was the C.H.R.--the Housing Committee. The Indians themselves.

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Irene: Same way with Lester (her son). He's in the army. And they told him the same thing she's telling you. He makes too much. I think he makes fifty-five or fifty-two hundred a year. He's just a Speck-five. That's my oldest son. They applied for that loan, because they been moving here and there. But when you build a home you have to live in it, see. You have to live in it. But the army, they sent their--but his wife said, "If we buy a home, we're gonna live there and Lester can go with the army, wherever he's at." But still that money will be paid out of his army pay. But they said that he was making too much money to be eligible for this loan. And they didn't approve it. And this man, Lynn Poahly, said that they lost some applications, "But I think we found them," he said! I was there when they moved in at Lawton. He said, "I think we found them." I think they found the ones that they just--you know, like you say, you got to have something for them to like you, I think. That's the way they operate. So he said "I think we found some of