

leases. So everywhere I find trespassers, that was my business to get applications signed up and contracts made through the Agency.

INDIAN POLICE CARRY LEASE CONTRACT APPLICATIONS

(Did you carry these application forms with you?)

I always have them on me. The government furnished them for me. They furnish the applications just like--they were about as big as this--just like a mortgage paper. They give a description of the land, who it belongs to and I have to make it. I have to be sure what Indian it is. I have a roll and I have to get the particular Indian name filled out and every Indian has a number and the allotment of land, not only the description, but it also has allotted numbers. Have to get all of them. Every Indian has an allotment number and a family number and a name. That's the way the government identifies them. There's no mistake.

(Did any of these people ever object to making an application?)

Yeah, yeah. They don't want to pay the service again the second time. They said they done paid off and they don't want to make no more contracts. They already paid. They look at it in a civilian way. If a contract was made once, it was good forever. That's the way they look at it. But the government don't look at it like that. Contract with the Indian is null and void. They are supposed to be a minor-like. The government is the legal guardian for them and therefore, makes all their leases and collects all their money and is responsible for all the payments the individual makes. They either got to pay over and make a contract or go farther--take the consequences, whatever it is.

(Did the Indians like this arrangement? Did they like to have