me to be here to make this report are here and are expecting the report

and are the persons that have chosen me to make this report. We do not

(not clear)--throughout the Cherokee history as the other organizations

of the Cherokee people, an organization that was created by the Cherokee

before the Civil War days. It was an organization created by a missionary

among the Cherokees. Mr. (name not clear) took responsibility to preser-

ving the heritage and this organization, the thing that the Cherokee people

have accomplished. And their membership would like to some day create a

place where they could hold or display the things their people have accomp-

lished, a record of these things. And through the years, down through the

Trail of Tears, as they came down our forefathers, those Cherokees have had

many sad experiences. And we, the descendants of those people are brought

to Oklahoma and today, I'd like to (not clear)--wonderful, strong way of our

people who are here today. I have with me today out among you, represen-

tatives from the nine Old Cherokee Nation districts. Keetoowah organization

district and Mr. Willard Tidwell who represents the 6th district. And Mr.

C. P. Long who represents the 4th district. And Mr. Albert Christie who

represents the Tahlequah district. Mr. Daniel Hummingbird one of the char-

ter members who is a lifetime member. He is a man who advises and we depend

on him for guidance, for his wisdom. He is one of the older ones of the

group. We call him the old man. He gives us guidance, gives us wisdom (not

clear). Today, I am humbled, I feel very humble to be here with such men

as Mr. Hummingbird and Mr. Jack Wolf who is a member of the Original Prov-

isional Committee of the Cherokee Tribe. They should be out here in this

area should be making this report. I am indeed honored that these gentlemen

would choose me to come before you today and say, the United Keetoowah Band,

a coveted organization of legal entity in the Cherokee Nation has taken a

step to improve their standard of living, and have things that they have