

At that time I was on that.

(And was it that committee that was making that survey?)

Yeah. That's a tribal committee. We're elected as a tribal kind of business committee. That was back in--I think it was the early forties--somewheres along in there. I think it's early forties. I forget what year it was. Anyway after we got ready we talk about--in case we get somebody that get hurt--maybe casualty--we try to fit it in. All the things that's necessary where these boys' families won't get hurt. What I mean is, in debt. Finally we got everything ready. So we called for three hundred thousand dollars. Our papers went to Washington. Got over there. They got set up over there, and I guess they talked about it for quite some time. Well, finally, it came back. We were all called in. (Interruption) We all went in. Of course the government has a couple of attorneys here that work under this Area Office here. They came in and represent the government. And the papers that came back, this is the way they put it to us. "They're going to advance a hundred thousand dollars to begin with." We got a provision in there where we could set up our own organization. So we picked that as a tribal council--select two from the Comanches and two from the Kiowas and one from the Apaches--as a Loan Board. They're the ones that go through the applications. They select the one which has the best form--that is, the one that is the best rated to go into operation--everything's sufficient. Our Loan Board start picking them like that. It's not just because he's my son, you know--they don't pick them that way. It's first come, first served. That's the way the applications are all stacked. What we select, we select the best inside of our own tribe. The Kiowas, they picked the best--picked fellows that had experience in some business profession. So the Comanches picked two. It was up to me and Tennison (Berry) to select one. So we set there and look at each others, you know. He sets about four or five men up, you know--he sets by that chairman, because he's the Assistant Chairman. The Kiowas--a Kiowa was our chairman. And Tennison Berry, he's Apache, he was our Assistant Chairman. And Big Jim