

BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

CITIZEN BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS)	
OKLAHOMA, et al.,)	
)	Docket No. 146
Petitioners,)	
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E POTAWATOMI TRIBE OF INDIANS,)	
E PRAIRIE BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI)	
IBE OF INDIANS, et al.,)	
)	Docket No. 15-M
Petitioners,)	
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MES STRONG, et al., as the Rep-)	
resentatives and on behalf of all)	
members by blood of the CHIPPEWA)	
IBE OF INDIANS,)	
)	Docket No. 13-M
Plaintiffs,)	
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BERT DOMINIC, et al., as the)	
representatives and on behalf of)	
members by blood of the OT-)	
WIBE OF INDIANS,)	
)	Docket No. 40-K
Plaintiffs,)	
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NAHVILLE INDIAN COMMUNITY,)	
son, Michigan; FOREST COUNTY)	
POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY, Crandon,)	
consin, et al.,)	
)	Docket No. 29-K
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
vs.)	
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

INTERLOCUTORY ORDER

Upon Findings of Fact this day filed herein and which are hereby
a part of this order, the Commission concludes as a matter of law,
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1. The land involved herein is a tract of 4,114,330 acres located in Michigan and northern Indiana, which is referred to as Royce 117, and is described as follows:

* * * Beginning at a point on the south bank of the river St. Joseph of Lake Michigan, near the Parc aux Vaches, due north from Rum's Village, and running thence south to a line drawn due east from the southern extreme of Lake Michigan; then with said line east to the west line of the tract ceded by the Potawatomes to the United States by the Treaty of Fort Meigs in 1817 (7 Stat. 160); thence north on said line to the northwest corner of said tract, thence east along the northern line thereof to the northeast corner where it intersects the west line of the treaty cession of November 17, 1807, 7 Stat. 105; thence north on such west line to a point six miles south of the Michigan Base Line, thence west from that point on a line which is the south line of the territory ceded by the treaty of September 24, 1819, 7 Stat. 203, a distance of sixty miles; thence northeasterly on the western line of the 1819 cession to where such line crosses the main branch of the Grand river about two miles west of Saranac, Michigan; thence along the north bank of the Grand river to its mouth on Lake Michigan; thence following the shore of Lake Michigan southerly to the south bank of the said St. Joseph river, and thence with such south bank up said river to the place of beginning, exclusive of 84,480 acres in reservations and grants provided for by the Treaty of August 29, 1821, 7 Stat. 218, and lying within said described area.

2. That on August 29, 1821, the date the lands were ceded to defendant, the petitioner, which was the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians identified in Finding No. 21, was in the exclusive use and possession of that part of the lands described above (Royce Area 117) lying within the boundaries of the area described in Finding No. 24.

3. That on said date, the group known as the St. Joseph Band of Potawatomi Indians, who are represented herein by the Citizens Band of Potawatomi Indians and the Potawatomi Nation, Docket No. 146, and the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians and the Potawatomi Tribe, Docket No. 15-M, and the Hannahville Indian Community and the Forest County Potawatomi Community, Docket No. 29-K, was in the exclusive use and possession of that part of the lands described in paragraph 1 of this order and delimited by Finding No. 25, and had Indian title thereto. The Indians interested in such lands are those Potawatomi whose ancestors were members of said St. Joseph Band on August 29, 1821.

4. That the Chippewa Tribe, Docket No. 13-M, had no right, title or interest in any part of the lands described in paragraph 1 of this

order and their petition is hereby dismissed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the case shall proceed to a determination of the consideration each tribe received for the cession, the value of the respective tracts described in Findings 24 and 25 as of August 29, 1821, less the reservations and grants to individuals as they were provided for by Article 2 of said treaty.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this the 30th day of June, 1958.

s/ Edgar E. Witt

Chief Commissioner

s/ Louis J. O'Marr

Associate Commissioner

s/ Wm. M. Holt

Associate Commissioner