

BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE WASHOE TRIBE OF THE STATES)	
OF NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Docket No. 288
)	
THE UNITED STATES,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

INTERLOCUTORY ORDER

Upon the findings of fact this day filed herein and which are hereby made a part of this order, the Commission concludes as a matter of law that the petitioner, Washoe Tribe of the States of Nevada and California, has the right to maintain this action for and on behalf of the descendants of all Washoe Indians; that petitioner has proven Indian title to the lands described in Finding 16 and that the title of such Indians to the lands in California was acquired by the defendant on March 3, 1853, and that the title to the part of such lands lying in the State of Nevada was acquired by defendant long prior to the commencement of this action but at a time that cannot be determined from the evidence now in the record; that defendant paid the petitioner or the Washoe Tribe of Indians nothing for such lands and is liable to petitioner for the value of such situate in the State of California as of March 3, 1853, and for the value of those lands lying within the State of Nevada as of a date hereafter to be determined upon further hearing or as of a date the parties may agree upon.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, That the case shall proceed to further hearing on the question as to the time the defendant acquired the lands of the Washoe lying in the State of Nevada and the value thereof as of such date and the value of the Washoe lands lying in California as of March 3, 1853.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this 20th day of March, 1959.

/s/ EDGAR E. WITT
Chief Commissioner

/s/ LOUIS J. O'MARR
Associate Commissioner

/s/ WM. M. HOLT
Associate Commissioner