## BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

CHARLES E. WILLIAMS, JOSEPH REDTHUNDER and HARRY OWHI, as Representatives of THE NEZ PERCE TRIBE,	) ) )
Petitioners,	)
ν.	) Docket No. 180-A
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	
Defendant.	<u> </u>

## INTERLOCUTORY ORDER

Upon the findings of fact, numbered 1 to 18, inclusive, heretofore filed on August 10, 1955 (3 Ind. Cl. Comm. 571), and the supplementary findings of fact, numbered 19 to 50, inclusive, this day filed herein, and all of which findings of fact are hereby made a part of this order, the Commission concludes as a matter of law, that on the basis of fair and honorable dealings the petitioners are entitled to recover on behalf of the Nez Perce Tribe damages in the amount of \$3,000,000 as the value of the mining and other related uses of the Nez Perce Reservation by white intruders in the period from 1860 to April 17, 1867, during which the Nez Perce Tribe had the right of exclusive possession of said lands under the provisions of the Treaty of June 11, 1855, 12 Stat. 957.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, That the Nez Perce Tribe of Indians have and recover from the defendant the sum of \$3,000,000, less such offsets, if any, that may be allowable under the Indian Claims Commission Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That within 60 days from the date of this order the defendant shall amend its answer by setting forth any offsets that may be authorized by the Indian Claims Commission Act.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this 31st day of December, 1959.

Edgar E. Witt Chief Commissioner

Wm. M. Holt
Associate Commissioner