

BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE SPOKANE TRIBE OF INDIANS, suing)
on its own behalf and on behalf of)
THE UPPER, MIDDLE, AND LOWER BANDS)
OF SPOKANE INDIANS or THE UPPER)
SPOKANE, MIDDLE SPOKANE, or LOWER)
SPOKANE BAND OF INDIANS, or any)
one or two of them alternatively,)

Petitioner,)

v.)

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

Defendant.)

Docket No. 331

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 petitioner is entitled to prosecute this action before this Commission on behalf of all the members of the Spokane Tribe as it existed from 1855 to and including July 13, 1892, or the descendants of said members; that the Commission has jurisdiction to hear and determine the same; that the said Spokane Tribe of Indians as it existed during the period beginning in 1855 to and including July 13, 1892, held the Indian title to a tract of land in northeastern State of Washington described as follows:

Commencing on the Columbia River at the mouth of Hunters Creek and running thence up Hunters Creek to the fork thereof, thence by a direct line to Bald Mountain immediately north of Deer Lake, thence eastward around Deer Lake and by direct line southeast to the mouth of Beaver Creek on the Little Spokane River a short distance north of the present town of Milan, Washington; thence southeast by a direct line to the fork of Deadman Creek near the present town of Peone, Washington, and thence southeastwardly to the northeast corner of the present townsite of Opportunity, Washington, on the Spokane River; thence southwest to the mouth of Rock Creek on Latah Creek, and continuing in a southwesterly direction to the southwest corner of the present townsite of Spangle, Washington, the southwest corner of the present townsite of Malden, Washington, the southwest corner of the present townsite of Pine City, Washington, and the southwest corner of the present townsite of Ritzville, Washington;

thence northeasterly along a straight line to the southwest corner of the present townsite of Davenport, Washington; thence northwest along a straight line to the southwest corner of the present townsite of Peach, Washington, thence northward to the Columbia River; thence northerly up said Columbia River to the place of beginning at the mouth of Hunters Creek;

that said Spokane Tribe of Indians was deprived of its land, exclusive of the Spokane Indian Reservation, by the defendant on July 13, 1892.

IT IS ORDERED that this case proceed for the purpose of determining the acreage of the above described tract of land, exclusive of the Spokane Indian Reservation, and the value thereof on July 13, 1892, the amount of consideration paid by the defendant for said land and the amount of any offsets or credits to which the defendant may be entitled.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this 17th day of April, 1961.

Arthur V. Watkins
Chief Commissioner

Wm. M. Holt
Associate Commissioner

T. Harold Scott
Associate Commissioner