

BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE)	
UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	Docket No. 264
)	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

INTERLOCUTORY ORDER

Upon the findings of fact and opinion this day entered herein, which are hereby made a part of this order, the Commission concludes as a matter of law that:

1. The petitioner herein, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, has the right and capacity under the Indian Claims Commission Act to bring and maintain this suit for and on behalf of the three tribes of Indians who were parties to the treaty of June 9, 1855 (12 Stat. 945), namely: the Walla Walla Tribe of Indians, the Cayuse Tribe of Indians, and the Umatilla Tribe of Indians;
2. That prior to and at the time of the treaty of June 9, 1855, the aforementioned three tribes of Indians were separate land owning entities;
3. That on March 8, 1859, the effective date of the treaty of June 9, 1855, the said three tribes of Indians who were formally confederated under the treaty, ceded to the United States all their right, title and interest to a large area of land in Oregon and Washington officially identified as Royce Area No. 362; and
4. That, as of the effective date of the 1855 treaty of cession, the said three separate tribes of Indians held Indian title to three separate but contiguous tracts of land in southeastern Washington and eastern Oregon, a more accurate description of which is set out in the Commission's Finding No. 41.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that this case proceed to a determination of the total acreage of the ceded lands, their value as of the date of taking, the consideration paid by the United States to the confederated tribes for said lands, and all other matters bearing upon the defendant's liability to the petitioner herein.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this 28th day of September, 1964.

/s/ Arthur V. Watkins
Chief Commissioner

/s/ Wm. M. Holt
Associate Commissioner