

BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE SIOUX TRIBE OF INDIANS, ET AL.,	)	Docket No. 74
	)	
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE	)	Docket Nos. 350-B and
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION,	)	350-C
	)	
THE YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE OF INDIANS,	)	Docket No. 332-A
	)	
THE CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE OF INDIANS,	)	Docket No. 221-A
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

ORDER DEFINING BOUNDARY AND DETERMINING RECOGNITION

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard upon the motion of petitioners in Docket No. 74 to define certain preliminary issues, which motion was filed on March 23, 1965; upon the response of petitioners in Docket Nos. 350-B and 350-C filed on March 31, 1965; upon the response of defendant filed on April 1, 1965; upon the response of the Yankton Sioux Tribe Docket No. 332-A filed on April 28, 1965, and was argued before this Commission on April 29, 1965, and taken under advisement, and the Commission being now fully advised in the premises, it is therefore

ADJUDGED AND ORDERED in accordance with the findings of fact and opinion this day entered, which findings of fact and opinion are made a part hereof, that:

1. The Treaty of Fort Laramie of September 17, 1851 (11 Stat. 749) constituted a recognition of title in the "Sioux or Dacotah Nation" to the area of land described therein as belonging to said Nation.

2. The description of said area so recognized, including the disputed section of the western boundary thereof as found by the Commission, is as follows:

The territory of the Sioux or Dahcotah Nation, commencing the mouth of the White Earth River, on the Missouri River; thence in a southwesterly direction to the forks of the Platte River; thence up the north fork of the Platte River to a point known as the Red Bute, or where the road leaves the river; thence along the range of mountains known as the Black Hills, (i.e., along the drainage divide between the streams flowing north into the Missouri River and those flowing east into the Missouri River) to the head-waters of Heart River; thence down Heart River to its mouth; and thence down the Missouri River to the place of beginning.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this 27th day of August, 1965.

Arthur V. Watkins  
Chief Commissioner

Wm. M. Holt  
Associate Commissioner

T. Harold Scott  
Associate Commissioner