

BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

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| PUEBLO OF TAOS, |) | |
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| Petitioner, |) | |
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| v. |) | Docket No. 357 |
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| THE 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:

1. That the petitioner herein, Pueblo of Taos, has the right and the capacity under the Indian Claims Commission Act to bring and maintain this suit for and in behalf of the Pueblo of Taos.

First Claim

2. That the petitioner has established Indian title in the Pueblo of Taos to the areas of land described as Eastern area and Western area in Finding of Fact No. 3.

3. That the United States extinguished Indian title to said lands without payment of compensation to the petitioner on the 7th day of November, 1906.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the case proceed to the determination of the acreage of the tracts described in Finding of Fact No. 3, and the value of said tracts as of November 7, 1906.

Second Claim

1. That the petitioner has established recognized title by way of patent from the defendant to the petitioner to a tract of land particularly defined on defendant's Exhibit No. 101-A by the yellow area with a white center marked #1, and consisting of approximately 17,360 acres; that defendant extinguished the title of said petitioner to said area

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in 1933, and under the circumstances herein found agreed to pay the sum of \$297,684.67 as purchase price for said land; that petitioner shall have and recover said sum from defendant, less the value of the use permit referred to in Finding No. 23, less offsets if there be any.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this 8th day of September, 1965.

Arthur V. Watkins
Chief Commissioner

Wm. M. Holt
Associate Commissioner

T. Harold Scott
Associate Commissioner