

## BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE QUECHAN TRIBE OF THE FORT	)	
YUMA RESERVATION, CALIFORNIA,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Docket No. 319
	)	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

ORDER ALLOWING ATTORNEYS' FEES

Upon consideration of the petition for allowance of attorneys' fees filed herein on March 2, 1966, by the firm of McCarter & English and Fulton W. Hoge, attorneys for petitioner in Docket No. 319, the Commission finds that:

1. The attorneys' contract pursuant to which this petition is made is a contract dated September 27, 1949, made by the law firm of McCarter, English & Studer, now McCarter & English, with the Quechan Tribe of Indians, duly approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on March 15, 1950 and later extended to March 15, 1965 and again extended to March 15, 1970, which extensions were duly approved by an authorized agent of the Department of the Interior as provided by law.

2. An assignment of a one-half interest in aforesaid contract from the law firm of McCarter, English & Studer to the firm of Williamson, Hoge & Curry was approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on February 16, 1956. Petitioner, Fulton W. Hoge, is the successor in interest of the aforesaid firm of Williamson, Hoge & Curry. An agreement between McCarter, English & Studer and Fulton W. Hoge and the Quechan Tribe was approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on November 22, 1957.

3. The aforesaid approved attorneys' contract of September 27, 1949, as extended, provides for compensation to said attorneys in the amount of ten per centum (10%) of any and all sums recovered or procured for said Quechan Tribe through the efforts whole or in part of said attorneys.

4. Pursuant to the aforesaid contract of employment the said attorneys prepared and filed the claim of the Quechan Tribe against the United States, which was assigned Docket No. 319 by this Commission. On August 5, 1965, a final award against the United States in the sum of \$520,000.00 was made in Docket No. 319 to the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation, California, and by the terms of their contract of employment the attorneys are entitled to attorneys' fees for services rendered of ten percent (10%) of said final award, or \$52,000.00.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that said attorneys, McCarter & English of Newark, New Jersey and Fulton W. Hoge of Los Angeles, California, be, and they hereby are allowed the sum of \$52,000.00, which shall be in full compensation for all services rendered by the attorneys in Docket No. 319; that such sum shall be paid out of the appropriation made or to be made by the Congress of the United States to settle the final award made by this Commission to the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation, California, on August 5, 1965, in Docket No. 319..

Dated at Washington, D. C. this 10th day of March, 1966.

Arthur V. Watkins  
Chief Commissioner

Wm. M. Holt  
Associate Commissioner

T. Harold Scott  
Associate Commissioner