

## BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE BLACKFEET AND GROS VENTRE	)	
TRIBES OF INDIANS, residing	)	
upon the Blackfeet and Fort	)	Docket No. 279-C
Belknap Reservations in the	)	
State of Montana,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	
THE FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY,	)	
sometimes referred to as the	)	Docket No. 250-A
Gros Ventre Tribe and Assiniboine	)	
Tribe of Fort Belknap Indians,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

INTERLOCUTORY ORDER

On August 24, 1971, the plaintiffs herein filed a document entitled "Petitioners' Motion for Order for Supplemental Accounting and for Partial Summary Judgment;" and on the same date the plaintiff in Docket No. 250-A filed a document entitled "Separate Motion of Petitioner Assiniboine Tribe of Fort Belknap Indians for Partial Summary Judgment and for Pleadings to Conform to the Proof." The defendant having filed briefs in opposition, the plaintiffs having replied, and oral argument having been held, the Commission proceeded to consider the various matters raised by the two said documents. The rulings of the Commission and its reasons for such rulings are contained in the opinion accompanying this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the rulings of the Commission contained in the accompanying opinion are hereby incorporated herein and shall constitute a part of this order for all purposes.

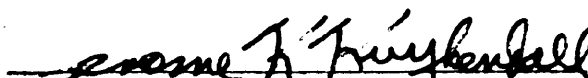
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant file with the Commission and serve on the opposing parties the supplemental accounts required by Parts II and V of the accompanying opinion within 120 days of the date of this Order.

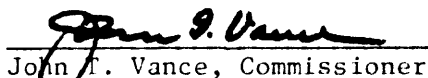
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant cause a diligent search to be made in good faith of any and all records in the custody of any of its officers or agencies which are likely to contain any of the records required to be searched out by Parts III, 2, and VIII of the accompanying opinion, and within 120 days of the date of this order file with the Commission and serve upon the plaintiffs a report stating in detail what files, depositories, and archives were searched and the man-hours devoted to such search, and accompanying such report with copies of all relevant documents discovered.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the attorneys and accountants for all parties meet and confer within 30 days of the date of this order on the form and manner in which the additional information required by Parts IV and XI of the accompanying opinion should be compiled and what would be a reasonable deadline for filing it. Within 45 days of the date of this opinion the parties shall file a joint statement with the Commission reciting the matters agreed upon as a result of such conference and what matters remain in disagreement. Said statement should be accompanied by joint or separate motions to obtain the Commission's rulings on the matters in disagreement or to obtain orders of any nature which either or both parties may believe necessary or desirable to expedite the early and fair adjudication of the instant cases.

Further proceedings in this case shall be as fixed by subsequent order of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this 18th day of October 1973.

  
Jerome K. Kuykendall, Chairman

  
John T. Vance, Commissioner

  
Richard W. Yarborough, Commissioner

  
Margaret H. Pierce, Commissioner

  
Brantley Blue, Commissioner