BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE, )
) )
Plaintiff, )
) )
v. Docket No. 332-C
) )
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )
) )
Defendant. )

FINAL AWARD

Upon the findings of fact 1 through 14 previously entered herein (24 Ind. Cl. Comm. 208), and the findings of fact 15 through 46 and opinion this day entered herein, all of which is made a part of this order, the Commission concludes as a matter of law that:

(a) As of February 26, 1859, the effective date of the Treaty of April 19, 1858, 11 Stat. 743, the 11,168,371 acres in the Royce 410 area had a fair market value of $13,557,477 and the 60,308,000 acres in the Sioux-Fort Laramie tract had a fair market value of $32,415,550 of which the Yankton Sioux held a 7 percent interest worth $2,269,008.50.

(b) In exchange for the Yankton Sioux interests in the above tracts of lands, which interests had an overall 1859 value of $15,826,485.50, the United States, under the 1858 Treaty, agreed to pay the plaintiff tribe $1,662,500, which amount, when compared with the 1859 value of the Yankton Sioux interests in the subject tracts, was payment of an unconscionable consideration within the meaning of Section 2(3) of the Indian Claims Commission Act, 60 Stat. 1050.

(c) As additional compensation for the lands ceded to the United States under the 1858 Yankton Sioux treaty, the defendant is liable to the plaintiff in the sum of $15,826,485.50 less payments on the claim of $556,560.67, or in the net amount of $15,269,924.83.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, as a final award in satisfaction of all claims asserted in this docket, the plaintiff shall have and recover from the defendant the sum of $15,269,924.83.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this 31st day of August 1978.

Jerome K. Kuykendall, Chairman

John T. Vance, Commissioner

Richard W. Yarborough, Commissioner

Margaret H. Pierce, Commissioner

Brantley Blue, Commissioner