

now paying to guardians, conservators, and the attorneys who secure the approvals required by the state courts at the present time.

3. Investigate the activities of the Guardians and Conservators Association.

The complaints detailed in our letter to Mr. Nash, designated as grievances (2), (3), (5), and (6) thereof disclose why this must be examined. A copy of said letter is herewith enclosed. If continued as presently constituted, this organization becomes an heir to the fiduciary role which should be exercised by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Furthermore, this apparent abdication by the Bureau is proving costly to the Indians.

4. Require participation by Bureau personnel.

Those grievances designated as (7), (8), (9), and (1), (2), (3), and (4) under Miscellaneous in said enclosed letter would be solved if Bureau personnel were required to be active trustees. This would mean that the demeanor of the guardians and conservators would be watched, that the City, County, and State would be dealt with more effectively, and that our Indians would know at all times where to turn for constructive help. By way of specific suggestion, we believe that Bureau personnel should assist us in our present fights with the City of Palm Springs respecting zoning and the annexation of tribal land. In fact, it is our sincere conviction that we should establish an Indian planning commission to co-operate with the City of Palm Springs, but premised in its existence upon the fact that the city has no jurisdiction over our trust land. In doing this we would, of course, expect and desire the assistance of the Federal Government.

5. Make the Palm Springs office an area office.

It is suggested that the economic tempo and problems presented by Palm Springs creates a unique situation which is somewhat removed from both Sacramento and Washington would obviate the present costly delays and confusion.

Respectfully yours,

AGUA CALIENTE TRIBAL COUNCIL,
EILEEN MIGUEL, *Chairman*.
DORA JOYCE PRIETO, *Vice Chairman*.
PRISCELLA GONZALES, *Secretary*.
VIRGINIA SANCHEZ, *Member*.
ELIZABETH MONK, *Member*.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Do you also have available in document form here, the Bureau regulations on guardianship that you have referred to as CFR 124.5 that contain the objectionable addition of the phrase "or conservator?"

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Chairman, we do not have it here, but we will be happy to make sure the committee is supplied it.

Mr. EDMONDSON. It would be helpful if we could have the text of the particular set of regulations including that language which is the objectionable part of the regulations.

Mr. SIMPSON. Yes.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Without objection, it will be made a part of the record at this point.

(The document referred to follows:)

§ 124.5 Protection of incompetents and minors.

The Secretary shall cause the appointment of a guardian or conservator of the estate of all minor allottees and for those in need of assistance in handling their affairs, in accordance with applicable State laws before making any equalization allotments to them.

Mr. EDMONDSON. In your judgment, Chairman Patencio, is your tribe ready for termination of Federal supervision insofar as the tribe's membership is concerned?

Mr. PATENCIO. No; I personally don't believe that we are. I think that.

Mr. EDMONDSON. You have some individuals in the tribe who have