

Mr. SIMPSON. To my knowledge, about half.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Can you state for the record what the average evaluation of the holdings of each of these adults would be?

Mr. SIMPSON. The only average I can tell you is that according to appraisals, only about \$350,000. That's appraisal of the dry land without any improvements on it.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Of course, that would vary greatly according to the individual Indian, but you are saying that the average comes to approximately \$350,000?

Mr. SIMPSON. Yes.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Is there, in your opinion, Mr. Patencio, any basic inconsistency in your contention that there should be a presumption of competency to manage affairs at 21 for all of the Indians—and I want to say that I am in wholehearted agreement with that—with our position that a trust relationship should be continued between the Secretary of the Interior and a member of your tribe?

Mr. PATENCIO. Inconsistency in which way are you talking about?

Mr. EDMONDSON. In that in a trust relationship, as I understand it, there is normally a limitation upon management of property, and there is a requirement that transactions, whether they are sales, or leases of land, must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. PATENCIO. Yes.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Do you see anything inconsistent in asking for a continuation of that system?

Mr. PATENCIO. No; I don't.

Mr. EDMONDSON. And, in asking that there be a presumption of competency for your Indians to manage their own affairs at the age of 21?

Mr. PATENCIO. The presumption is on the Secretary now. It's on the part of the Secretary now.

Mr. EDMONDSON. I realize it is.

Mr. PATENCIO. Yes.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Do you feel that the Secretary's power as a trustee should be continued substantially as it is with regard to approval of your leases?

Mr. PATENCIO. Yes; I'm in agreement.

Mr. EDMONDSON. You do think that it should be?

Mr. PATENCIO. Should be continued in the same capacity as it is now?

Mr. EDMONDSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. PATENCIO. Yes.

Mr. EDMONDSON. And, you don't personally find any inconsistency in a request that your 21-year-old be treated as competent—

Mr. PATENCIO. Yes.

Mr. EDMONDSON (continuing). And a request that the Secretary continue to have the power of oversight and approval for all of their transactions that involve land?

Mr. PATENCIO. I agree.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Now, you would, I think, object to the Secretary's having control over whether or not to sell your car or whether or not you sell your horse—

Mr. PATENCIO. Yes.

Mr. EDMONDSON (continuing). Or personal property?