

Mrs. ORTNER. Mrs. Eileen Miguel. She is a former chairman of the tribal council.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Do you know any others by name who did not receive their ballot?

Mrs. ORTNER. Her brother, Robert Saubel did not receive one and I cannot recall the name of the third person who did not receive it—well, her husband, Richard Miguel was another one that did not receive it.

Mr. EDMONDSON. You have heard from them personally that they did not receive ballots?

Mrs. ORTNER. Yes, I did.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Did you receive a ballot?

Mrs. ORTNER. Yes, I did.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Your family, to your knowledge, received a ballot?

Mrs. ORTNER. Yes.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Who were the candidates in this election? Do you recall?

Mrs. ORTNER. The tribal chairman, Mr. Patencio.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mr. Patencio?

Mrs. ORTNER. Yes; the present chairman, Mr. Patencio.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Was he chairman at the time the election was conducted?

Mrs. ORTNER. No, no; Mrs. Dora Joyce Prieto is the past chairman, and Mr. Patencio took her place in the last tribal election, in addition to two members that were elected, the two members that are present on the tribal council now.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mr. Patencio was not on the council at the time?

Mrs. ORTNER. He was on the council as a member. He was not on the council in the present capacity as chairman.

Mr. EDMONDSON. You say this happened for the last two or three elections?

Mrs. ORTNER. No; this happened just in our last election in the month of March.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Just in the March election?—

Mrs. ORTNER. Yes.

Mr. EDMONDSON. That this happened?

Mrs. ORTNER. Yes.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Do you know how many members of the present council were on the council prior to the March election?

Mrs. ORTNER. I presume that it was four.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Were the four in control of your election machinery? Are they the ones that had the election?

Mrs. ORTNER. I don't know who is in control.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Who sent out the ballots?

Mrs. ORTNER. The Bureau of Indian Affairs types the ballots up and sends them out with the—registered mail.

Mr. EDMONDSON. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has the responsibility for sending them to all members of the tribe?

Mrs. ORTNER. Yes, sir; that's true.

Mr. EDMONDSON. So, your feeling is then, that the Bureau of Indian Affairs failed to send ballots to the Indians, rather than the tribal council which your statement says?