

Mr. TUNNEY. The last part of the statement of my understanding was, when the land was undeveloped and not income producing, that the termination should take place over a longer period of time?

Mrs. ORTNER. Yes, yes. Now, I have not worked this out on paper, which I would like an opportunity to do before comment, but there should be a given period of time, but I don't think it should be an unreasonable length of time.

Mr. TUNNEY. What percentage of the land that you now hold in trust is developed?

Mrs. ORTNER. I retain my original allotment of 7 acres, and it is developed.

Mr. TUNNEY. All of it is developed?

Mrs. ORTNER. Yes.

Mr. TUNNEY. Did you have a conservator at any time?

Mrs. ORTNER. No.

Mr. TUNNEY. Never had a conservator?

Mrs. ORTNER. No.

Mr. TUNNEY. Do you feel that there is any connection between the development of your land and the fact that you did not have a conservator?

Mrs. ORTNER. No.

Mr. TUNNEY. How did you get your land developed?

Mrs. ORTNER. Through leases, and I was very fortunate. On my 5-acre parcel I had a man approach me by the name of Mr. Harry Pitts who had a lot of integrity, and he leased my 5 acres originally on just a 5-year lease, and this is where my development of my 5 acres, I mean, my 2-acre parcel started. You can't do this with just everyone on such a short-term lease, but he is a very astute businessman and I thought an awful lot of him and that's how I got my start on the 2-acre parcel. My parents had developed some of this land with cottages prior to this business with Mr. Pitts.

Mr. TUNNEY. Had you had a conservator would you have been able to develop your land in the same way?

Mrs. ORTNER. I couldn't answer that.

Mr. TUNNEY. Would you feel that it would be fair that if you owned the only undeveloped land and it was in trust, would you feel that it would be fair to you to have the trust status terminated, if you had no other income?

Mrs. ORTNER. Me, personally?

Mr. TUNNEY. Yes.

Mrs. ORTNER. Yes; I think it could be terminated. I think I have the intelligence to seek out people who would develop the land. I could work. It may take me a little while to get going, but I'm sure it could be done.

Mr. TUNNEY. Even though you had no income-producing lands, you feel you should still be terminated?

Mrs. ORTNER. If I had no income, and it was terminated, I certainly would have to have something, a lease or something that was tangible that I could pay the taxes on when it was terminated.

Mr. TUNNEY. That's the point I'm trying to—I am making.

Mrs. ORTNER. Yes.

Mr. TUNNEY. In other words, if an Indian has only undeveloped lands then termination would act to his detriment, would it not, because