

has accomplished a miracle," are you referring to the general program or are you referring to that portion of the program which relates to Ray Leonard Patencio?

Mr. KETTMANN. I'm speaking in general terms from my long, 23-year knowledge of the chaotic conditions that existed to the relatively happy conditions that exist today, for a majority of the Tribe.

Mr. TUNNEY. In the report of the investigation, it is my understanding that Mr. Patencio had land which you, acting as conservator, leased to a Mr. Fey; is that correct?

Mr. KETTMANN. That's one of the holdings that he owns, yes.

Mr. TUNNEY. And, there is a charge made in the report of the investigation that the attorney who was handling the estate for you, was charging the estate for legal services for subleases, and at the same time, was charging Mr. Fey a fee for services performed on the same transaction. Are you familiar with that?

Mr. KETTMANN. I'm familiar with this——

Mr. TUNNEY. Charge?

Mr. KETTMANN (continuing). Belief. I am not aware that there was a duplication of charges by Mr. Hollowell to the estate and also to Mr. Fey. I know that he had represented Mr. Fey, and I had no feeling at any time that he was double charging.

Mr. TUNNEY. In other words, you were not aware of the fact that any fees may be charged to anyone other than to your ward?

Mr. KETTMANN. I don't believe that there is any—not to my knowledge, was there any double charging.

Mr. TUNNEY. At any time, did you feel that it was important that you have the power to be able to lease land without going to court to get a court order?

Mr. KETTMANN. As I look back, I took over in June 1965, and almost immediately thereafter, the conservatorship program was under attack, and because I was so new to the program and because I didn't want to assume responsibility for something that I was not thoroughly familiar with, I did not seek those powers, because of this apparent ongoing attack, and so that I wouldn't be subject to criticism, and also because I wanted to protect my ward.

Mr. TUNNEY. Would you just tell the committee briefly, what services you performed for your ward?

Mr. KETTMANN. Very briefly, my responsibility has to do with ascertaining that the rentals are paid on time, on the various leases of Patencio properties, of providing my ward with the agreed-upon monthly checks for his living, to assist him in making purchases of a substantial nature such as automobiles and things that would cost several hundred dollars, of recently bringing out a foreclosure notice on the Springs Hotel property which brought about the sale of the property and removed its ownership from a man whose assets were not as substantial as Mr. Hollister who acts for half of the property and I felt they should be. The sale was consummated by the previous owner and we now have a very able owner who has made substantial improvements and thereby secured the great value that the lease has on this particular instance. I have worked with Mr. Patencio and I like to call him my ward, because I've known him since he was a little baby, and he's a bright young man. I work with him on all sorts of personal problems, and we talked about acquiring a