

home; we looked at numerous homes and we finally settled on one, and in spite of the fact that he didn't agree with me that in his interest he should stay on Indian land, we recently acquired a home on patented land which is subject to taxes, and one which he could very well afford, and I'm sure Iehs' made his family very happy. I was not in agreement with this, because I think in the long run his interests would have been better served had he stayed on Indian land and traded some of his property for a possible site on which to build, but I reversed my position and went along with him when he insisted in respect to the family wishes.

Mr. TUNNEY. Mr. Kettmann, have you been working with Mr. Patencio in the handling of his affairs so that he will be prepared at some future date to take over responsibilities of managing his own estate?

Mr. KETTMANN. Right. I have spent a lot of time with him and his wife and am very proud of his persistence and tenacity in furthering his education in preparing himself for a great responsibility. Within a period of 2 or 3 years he will have the status of a millionaire. He has great assets, his wife has great assets, and they are one of the bright young couples in the Agua Caliente galaxy. He's doing very well and I tell you, 20 years ago, I can't remember a single member of the tribe who achieved a college education level, and the changes culturally that the Calientes have achieved and are tremendous and most impressive.

Mr. TUNNEY. Do you feel that he is prepared to be able to manage his own estate at this time?

Mr. KETTMANN. My personal feeling at this time is that he's on the verge of qualifying to handle this tremendous wealth he has. I don't feel, as of today, that he has quite the experience but he's rapidly acquiring this judgment and maturity that's going to make him a competent mature adult and businessman.

Mr. TUNNEY. Do you have any complaints about the way in which the Palm Springs task force conducted their investigation so far as the investigation related to you and to your ward, Mr. Patencio?

Mr. KETTMANN. The investigation as it related to me consisted mostly of an audit of the accounts that I handle, which I am told in the report indicates are in complete order. Every penny is accounted for, every action that I have taken has been approved by the court, submitted to the court, and I can't say I have a quarrel with it. I'm happy. The books are wide open and I wasn't happy reading about things that were taking place in the newspapers concerning the business affairs of my ward prior to the time I was advised by the task force. That would be my only criticism.

Mr. TUNNEY. Thank you, Mr. Kettmann. That's all I have.

Mr. BURTON. I have no questions, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Thank you, Mr. Kettmann. All right Mr. Schlesinger.

Mr. SCHLESINGER. Yes, Mr. Chairman.