

Mr. BRECHLIN. Yes.

Mr. EDMONDSON. If there is no objection, Mr. Brechlin's letter with the attachment will be made a part of the record at this point. Hearing no objection, it is so ordered.

(The documents referred to follow:)

BRECHLIN'S OF PALM SPRINGS,
May 29, 1968.

Mr. LEWIS A. SIGLER,
Representative, The House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, care of Palm Springs Spa Hotel, Palm Springs, Calif.

GENTLEMEN: Attached is a copy of my letter of October 19, 1967, to Mr. Robert Cox. Although I received a reply to my letter, as of this date, he has not answered my questions.

Upon my insistence, I was given permission to look at Mr. Cox's Preliminary Report and given photo copies of part of it. From these copies, I found I was named *Successor* Executor for the following:

Winifred Patencio Preckwinkle—whom I represent as Conservator; John Joseph Patencio—Father of Winifred; Frances S. Patencio—Mother of Winifred.

I have known both John Joseph and Frances Patencio since 1945 and had no knowledge of the fact that I was named as Successor Executor. I did have knowledge of the fact that I was named Successor Executor for Winifred as I was, and still am, her Conservator. Who would better know her estate?

Now, I ask this question of you: Since there are over 100 Indians in Palm Springs, do you think that being Successor Executor on three (3) wills should warrant this statement in the Preliminary Report? Such statement is partially quoted in my enclosed letter, 2nd paragraph, and was also on a front page of the *Daily Enterprise*.

I firmly feel that Government employees should be as careful in their actions as any other individual and if they libel people, should be subject to suit unless they publicly retract the statements.

Yours truly,

CLARENCE A. BRECHLIN.

PALM SPRINGS, CALIF.,
October 19, 1967.

Mr. ROBERT COX,
*Chairman, Secretary Task Force,
Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Palm Springs, Calif.*

DEAR MR. COX: Please refer to my letter of October 13, 1967, which reads as follows:

"As a matter of information, I would like to know from you which wills I am supposed to be involved in. Please state the date of the instrument, name of Testator or Testatrix. Am I named Executor or Contingent Executor? It would be nice to know these things. Also is there any evidence that I was supposed to know about this when it was done, other than the estates that I represented.

"According to the *Daily Enterprise* dated October 13, 1967, I quote, 'other persons heavily concentrated in the Conservatorship program and involved in wills are Judge E. E. Therieau, Attorney James Hollowell (who took over the practice of Judge Therieau upon the latter's appointment to the Municipal Court bench in October 1961), Clarence Brechlin, Lou Levy and Lawrence Crossley, deceased'.

"I would also like to know your definition of 'heavily involved.'"

On Monday, October 16, 1967, I reviewed this letter with you personally, and you verbally agreed that I was entitled to specific answers. Today, I received your letter dated October 17th and you have not answered my questions. I am sure if the situation were reversed, you would also be upset and angry with the run-around treatment. I am again requesting that you give me—in writing—the answers that I requested. Since you cannot seem to comprehend the questions I asked in my letter, I will set them forth herewith:

1. Which wills am I involved?
2. Date of the Instruments?
3. Testator or Testatrix is whom on each will?
4. Am I the Executor or contingent Executor (you call Successor)?