

Hearsay is inadmissible over proper objection. This type of hearsay would have been objectionable. To institute an action against the estate of Mr. Crossley would have been an unnecessary expenditure of funds, not only for Mr. Crossley's estate but for Mr. Andreas' estate.

This ignores totally, however, the fact that for years prior to the transfer from Mrs. Andreas to Mr. Crossley, that Mr. Crossley had been financially supporting the family of Mrs. Andreas. The reason for this is obvious. The Bureau of Indian Affairs had not developed Indian land or allowed the Indians to develop their land to such an extent that they could support themselves. Now, I had a box in my office years ago containing all the canceled checks and vouchers of Crossley after the death of the grandmother, but I threw them away.

The task force concludes that Therieau, Hollowell, and Spiegelman all received fees in connection with the transaction involved. Certainly, we received fees. We worked and were entitled to these fees. Apparently, the inference is that there was some sort of conflict of interest here because Mr. Spiegelman was an appraiser involved in both estates.

We have an interesting situation right now in existence with the express approval and consent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs wherein two daughters, represented by the same conservator, and their mother are exchanging land in order to enable the mother to have a site large enough for the establishment of a post office on the land of the mother. All three of these parcels of property were appraised by the same appraiser, the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Evidently the Bureau, because its head has been in the sand for so many years concerning the problems of the local Indians, does not have a conflict of interest, whereas those persons who have in the past exhibited an interest in their particular wards do.

My next exhibit, which Mr. Sigler has, is D, which sets out the Spiegelman matters in detail and which also shows in detail the post office transaction. Here again, the material is voluminous and I am sure Mr. Sigler can advise you of the contents.

In my lengthy and heavily documented report on behalf of the conservators and guardians, which was earlier forwarded to you, and which will be my last exhibit today, exhibit H, I go into the incident with Broussard, the chief auditor, in great detail. Here again, I am offering the exhibit and I feel that the contents therein can be briefly summarized for you by your counsel.

Besides informing me as to the cash accrual method of bookkeeping adopted by the task force, which area Mr. Cleary will cover, Broussard also told me that the auditors were wasting a tremendous amount of time preparing exhibits which were charts and tables concerning the finances of our Indian clients. Preparing such charts and tables is a specialty of Mr. Cox, which I discovered when he was first here in 1965 and 1966.

Mr. Cox wanted the auditors to prepare these tables and charts, thus giving them dignity. Broussard explained to me that the auditors' way of disclaiming liability for these wastes of time, and their way of further diplomatically stating that these charts and tables were of no value or significance was to place a note on them as follows, "statistical information presented in this exhibit was gathered, arranged, and presented as directed by the chairman, Palm Springs Task Force."