

the choice of whether they wish to continue the status of wards of the United States. If they should so choose, then Mr. Cleary's alternative proposal would afford the later heirs and descendants of these Indian clients the right to make a choice for themselves when they come of age.

I thank you for your patience and if you have any questions, I will be glad to answer them to the best of my ability.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Thank you. I am quite sure that you have correctly brought out a situation here, and because of the volume of the material and the technical questions presented, it may not be possible to question you properly and adequately on a number of these items, without attempting to read them first. They are very voluminous and a lot of work and I can certainly assure you that every matter that you have covered is going to be followed through and that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is going to be asked to comment on each and every charge that you have made with regard to them.

May I ask one question of you. I'm not familiar with this phrase that appears at the end of your statement.

Executed at Palm Springs, California, this 29th day of May, 1968.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Is this a statement that corresponds to a sworn statement?

Mr. HOLLOWELL. Yes, sir. Under our law some people have a tendency not to want to take the Lord's name in that sort of this, so this is called a statement under due penalty of perjury which has the same effect as an affidavit.

Mr. EDMONDSON. You did not continue to read that in your presentation here.

Mr. HOLLOWELL. I'm sorry.

Mr. EDMONDSON. I wonder if that was an oversight on your part?

Mr. HOLLOWELL. It was.

Mr. EDMONDSON. I think it would be timely, if you read that, sir.

Mr. HOLLOWELL. I'd be more than happy. "Executed at Palm Springs, Calif., this 29th day of May 1968. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct." And, I have signed my name there.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Yes, sir. So, for purposes of the State of California this, then, is equivalent to a statement under oath before a notary public and is subject to the penalties provided in the State of California for perjury?

Mr. HOLLOWELL. Yes, sir.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Thank you very much, and I also want to compliment you for submitting it in that form, and I think it is to your credit that you are willing to stand on it, and to have it subjected to the test.

Mr. HOLLOWELL. I will stand on it, and I have a selfish motive; my reputation is at stake. Do any of you other gentlemen have questions?

Mr. EDMONDSON. I have several more questions. I'm not quite through.

Mr. HOLLOWELL. Fine.

Mr. EDMONDSON. You have used very strong language as to what you describe as the corrupt and deliberately deceptive work in the report of the task force, and you have attempted, in supplying