

Mr. NOTTI. Yes, sir.

Mr. ASPINALL. Let me ask you this: What are you giving up? What are the tribes or the clans, the Indians, Eskimos, and the Aleuts, what are you giving up for this request? What values do you think you are giving up in order to be entitled to these facts?

Mr. NOTTI. If I may respond as a layman and if there are legal gaps perhaps one of the lawyers would like to comment—we feel we have Indian title to all of Alaska and we are giving up this title to the United States and in return we are asking \$500 million compensation.

Mr. ASPINALL. You say you have legal title to all of the land. You are not claiming legal title to those 10 million acres of land which are in private or State ownership?

Mr. POLLOCK. I think he said he had "Indian" title to all of Alaska as distinct from "legal" title.

Mr. ASPINALL. Let me ask my friend: Do I understand we have people in the United States who are now claiming title to private property that has passed by official deed for a century of time?

Mr. POLLOCK. No, sir.

Mr. ASPINALL. That is what I was trying to get him to say. There are 375 million-plus acres of land in Alaska. I understand the people's demands are on 365 million acres of lands; is that correct?

Mr. NOTTI. Yes, sir.

Mr. ASPINALL. The other 10 million is either in private ownership or belongs to the State, is that correct, or do you still say that you have claim to that land?

Mr. NOTTI. Yes.

Mr. ASPINALL. You still claim that land?

Mr. NOTTI. Yes, sir; we do.

Mr. ASPINALL. As I understand the last witness, it is your feeling that you have a good cause of action, Mr. Jackson, to go before the courts and receive redress.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, only if this Congress gives some kind of a jurisdictional act.

Mr. ASPINALL. What's that?

Mr. JACKSON. Only if the Congress gives jurisdictional act can we sue.

Mr. ASPINALL. In other words, Congress then, in order to further your rights, has either got to take cognizance of the situation that Mr. Notti talked about and give it to the Indians, or the natives—not Indians—give 40 million acres plus \$500 million, or give to the people of Alaska the authority to go into court and press their claim.

Mr. JACKSON. Yes, sir; and it has been the traditional approach to follow the latter course and go in only for compensation.

Mr. ASPINALL. You here already have 11 tribes that have gone into court under the Indian Claims Commission.

Mr. JACKSON. This is correct, but there are problems with this. First of all, a number of those—

Mr. ASPINALL. I didn't ask you about the problems. I mean that some of you have accepted the responsibility of going in and you find yourself in difficulty at the present time under the Indian claims procedure, isn't that right?

Mr. JACKSON. There are difficulties. There has been no taking and most of them do not have attorneys.