

this situation. If this is given to the Taos Indians wouldn't you also be obligated to give the other Indians the equivalent? You say they don't have any sacred region, but they think they do.

Mr. BERNAL. What the other Indian people are doing, we are not encouraging them to do what we are doing. We do not believe in setting up a precedent of this religious ground, this religious or sacred area that we are asking under H.R. 3306, because this is a very, very unique case. We don't believe in that economic development, and who knows what other tribes are going to make for economic reasons, and we are not able to answer that question, why these peoples are doing it.

Senator ANDERSON. Well, the Nambe are also objecting to it, aren't they? The Nambe?

Mr. BERNAL. I do not feel that I should be involved in the Nambe situation, and it is their prerogative, whatever they want to do with their tribal lands, and I am not able to answer that question fully. I don't belong there, I don't live there, I don't experience their activities.

Senator ANDERSON. Well, everybody worries, and I get a lot of mail out of Philadelphia that is all about this Indian situation.

I don't know what they have to do with it, but they worry about it. If you could tell us a little bit about what you really thought this situation was with the other Indians, I would be happier. We asked you about the land, and prepared to enlarge the use permit. You turned that down. If you really wanted to get that church of yours, as you say, wouldn't you take the first offer that was made to you to get it?

Mr. BERNAL. The 48,000 acres in the Blue Lake area—excuse me. The 48,000 acres. The Blue Lake area, we can't accept any compromise. We do not like to have this 48,000 acres whittled down and cut down, and it has been cut so much, and so much taken in the Government experience ways have been, in the area, we do not know these technical questions. This is our land and should be returned to us. H.R. 3306 consists of trust title to 48,000 acres. Interior Department should be authorized to administer this area.

Senator ANDERSON. But you didn't get that same grant all at one time. You were apparently satisfied—someone testified you were when you got the 31,000 acres, and that took in the most sacred area. But someone wanted to offer you an area which you think should be most sacred, you turn that down. You want 48,000 acres, when at one time you were satisfied with 31,000. Why don't you take it?

Senator METCALF. I wonder who is testifying now. Is it Mr. Schaab?

Mr. BERNAL. Mr. Chairman, I am trying to get the question straight. I am not able to—

Senator METCALF. Who is responding to Senator Anderson's question?

Mr. BERNAL. I am interpreting, and the Governor is responding.

Senator METCALF. Fine. Go right ahead.

Mr. SCHAAB. If you want to hear what I say to them publicly, all I am trying to do is to—

Senator METCALF. No, all I want to know is to whom should the reporter ascribe the testimony that is being given, and it is to Mr. Romero?