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Letter from John Hamilton to Senator Langer Regarding Contract Between the Three Affiliated Tribes and Attorney Ralph Case, January 26, 1946

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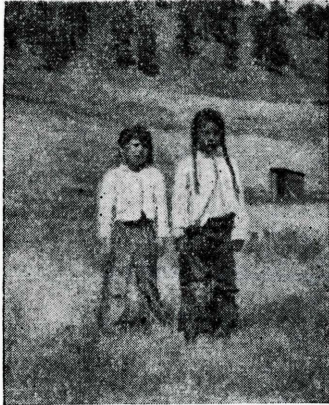
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 We American Indians are still held in bondage.



Thousands like these little American Indians need our Protection and the Help of all fair-minded citizens of the United States.

OUR AIMS:

- To promote the general welfare of the American Indians,
- By protecting and safeguarding their Constitutional and Legal Rights,
- By advocating an emancipated citizenship at the earliest possible time.
- By promoting their health and educational opportunities, and to create an enlightened public opinion.

In all sincerity, might we here urge all of our true paleface American friends to join us Indians in demanding the Congress of the United States to give us American Indian people our complete freedom so that we can enjoy the same rights and privileges which are accorded other citizens?

No race can progress in slavery.

January 26, 1946.

Honorable William Langer,
 Senate Office Building,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

I have a letter from Martin T. Cross stating that the Indian Bureau has not, as yet, approved the Contract between his people and Major Ralph Hoyt Case, of Washington, D. C., their attorney. I wonder what has delayed them from acting on the contract?

Bill, my physician has ordered me to go away from my present position for a complete rest up, and he has recommended that I go at the earliest possible time. I have not, as yet, made any definite plans as to what place and State I shall go to for this rest, but it will be, however, either to Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, or Colorado. The reason why I am selecting these Southwestern States is due to the fact, that the weather is much warmer in those States than in the Northwestern States, especially at this time of the year. If it was in the springtime, I would much rather prefer North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, or Wyoming. But right now, I think it would be better for me to go where the climate is much warmer.

I am planning to stop and see you before I make this trip. I am also, going to see Senator Bushfield, and Major Ralph Hoyt Case before leaving. I will probably only be away from my position here about one or two months, and I hope to regain full health in that time. My nerves are pretty well run down and they need a good tuning up, and I believe there is no better place to do that, than to go out and get into the saddle again and ride the range with the boys. I have done it years ago, and I think I can do it again.

Write when you can, and I will let you know before I leave here. I expect to go either the 20th or 22nd day of February, 1946.

Sincerely,
 John E. Hamilton