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July 12, 1946

Judge N. B. Johnson
Claremore, Oklahoma

Dear Judge:

Further, with reference to the matter of postponing this years Annual NCAI Convention, I have made a check here in Oklahoma City and it seems that about the most appropriate and available date is October 23-26. Accordingly, when you have checked this matter over with other members of the Executive Council - if it seems agreeable - I will go ahead and make all arrangements.

The Oklahoma Travel Club, through its Executive Secretary, is proposing to act as our financial hosts for this Third Annual Convention. While the plan is not complete in all its details, I am of the opinion that it can be worked out and will be of a great help to us. As a matter of fact, their proposal calls for defraying the expenses of all of the certified delegates from tribes - as well as members of the Executive Council. This would not include, however, expenses of individuals who come to the Convention of their own accord. I have told them that the outlay would be in the neighborhood of \$5,000. That did not seem to scare them off. Just as soon as we get to the point of definiteness, the Executive Secretary of the Oklahoma Travel Club and I will go over the matter in detail with you.

As to the Claims Commission bill; I have not lost hopes about getting this bill through the current session; however, I have a feeling that we must do all we can to stir up action on it. During the last few days, I have been in communication with Senator Thomas, who tells me that Senator O'Mahoney has promised to bring the bill out of Committee but as yet has not done so. When I received that information, I immediately wired Congressman Stigler to check into it, and then to advise me what, if anything, we could do to push it through. I believe Congressman Stigler will be advising me further about this in the next day or so.

I must get over to Claremore just as soon as I can to see my mother who is in the Indian Hospital - and will, of course, see you while I am there.

With all good wishes, I am
Sincerely yours,
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