

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Great Lakes Agency  
Ashland, Wisconsin

December 11, 1961

Mr. Francis Butler  
Route 1  
Flower, Wisconsin  
Dear Mrs. Butler:

This refers to your letter of ~~December 9, 1961~~ requesting information as to when you will receive payment as a result of tribal claim settlements. ~~for the Oneida Indians.~~

Tribal claims are in the hands of tribal attorneys who have been instructed by the court to gather much detailed information for consideration in determining whether a settlement is in order. This will involve considerable time.

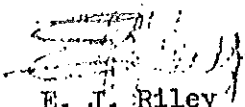
If a favorable settlement is reached, the Court will make the final decision as to the amount of the award. Then Congress will have to appropriate funds and determine how the various individuals and Indian groups are to participate. If and when an award is made, it will be well publicized through newspapers, radio broadcasts, and television, and if a per-capita distribution is involved those who believe they are eligible to participate will be given an opportunity to make application to establish their eligibility rights.

The preparation of a roll of eligible participants would then be compiled by the Tribe or Bureau, and this also will involve considerable time. The present status of the claims makes a settlement to individuals highly improbable for a minimum of three years, if Congress stipulates a per-capita payment is to be made. It would be impossible to hazard a guess as to the amount of money which will be awarded or how it will be distributed as the award is made by the Court and Congress stipulates how the award is to be distributed.

It is suggested that you keep in touch with your respective council as claims are handled independently of this agency. The tribal groups employ their own attorneys and are more familiar with the status of the claims.

We appreciate your interest in an early settlement and hope we have satisfactorily answered your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

  
E. J. Riley  
Superintendent

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on the Oneida Census Roll of 6/1/43  
For your information you are listed opposite Roll No. 1134 as  
Carita Jean Hill, birthdate June 19, 1929 and you are listed as  
being A/A degree Oneida Indian. We have no record of your children  
being enrolled. In fact we had a letter from you on May 14, 1957  
requesting information as how to be released from the Oneida roll.  
In our reply of May 24, 1957, we advised you to complete forms which  
we enclosed and to forward them to Julius Danforth, chairman. Since  
a completed copy of the relinquishment form was not received from  
Julius Danforth we assume you did not bother to complete them to have  
your name removed from the roll.

If you are interested in having your children enrolled with the  
Oneida of Wisconsin, it will be necessary that you submit birth  
certificates for each of your children, together with a fee of \$1.00  
for each, to the Treasurer of the Oneida Executive Commission,  
Mrs. Althea Schuyler, at Route 2, West De Pere, Wisconsin. She will  
then determine their eligibility for enrollment, after which the  
certificates will be presented to the Committee for consideration.  
If favorable action is taken, the certificates will then be submitted  
to this Agency for recording, and returned to you, through the Committee.  
Of course, this entire procedure is quite time consuming, and if you do  
present your request for their enrollment, you should not look for an  
immediate return of your certificates.

If you have any further questions do not hesitate to communicate  
with us.

S. J. R.

cc: Julius Danforth, Chairman  
Althea Schuyler, Treasurer  
Irene Moore, Vice-chairman  
Eva Danforth, Secretary