

482 Montecelo Avenue
Twin Oaks, Penna.

June 5, 1967

Mr. Arthur Skendore
RFD #2
West De Pere, Wisconsin

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I am sure that being American citizens, we have the right to any estate or property that is meant for us. I am also aware that we are no longer under tribal obligations, that we are each and all under our own.

I am also sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Bennett of Washington, D.C. in case he knows anything of this, he should be heard. I think the Onondagas should first have a debate and later vote, to their satisfaction and those who do not favor the said investment should be given their share which is rightfully theirs. I say, let me say how my share should be spent, same as the wishes of all my children. I truly wish I can make my way of thinking understandable. I'm sure many others feel as I do, but are for some reason afraid to speak up, but any information of this kind makes some feel that this comes from a higher authority and do not truly understand the nature of it. As I stated before, we are not under any tribal council rule, hence the council can not act on its own accord, this belongs to each and every member of the tribe.

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Joseph Metoyer Band

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