

March 10, 1965

Hon. Thomas Foley  
House Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Foley:

The COLVILLE INDIAN ASSOCIATION opposes the enactment of any termination Act which uses the Termination Act of the Klamath Indians of Oregon as a model. The bill HR 12577 of the 88th Congress was such a bill. Any bill that uses the Klamath Termination Act as a model is wrong because it simply repeats the mistakes of the Klamath Termination Act.

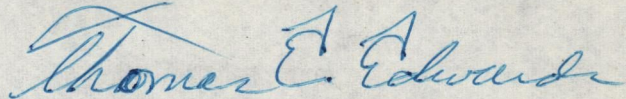
The Klamath Termination Act resulted in a great loss of \$31,000 to each individual Klamath Indian's equity in his Indian Estate(Reservation), and it also resulted in the Klamath Indians filing two separate law suits before the United States Court of Claims.

If the bill you introduced which is identical to S1413 is essentially the same bill as HR 12577 of the 88th Congress, then the ASSOCIATION is very much opposed to its enactment and it urges that before any further action is taken toward enacting any termination legislation, Field hearings be conducted in the State of Washington with the enrolled Indians of the Colville Indian Reservation. By opposing this type of legislation the ASSOCIATION wants to make it clear that it is not opposed to Termination of Federal Control, but it is opposed to improper legislation which would cause the individual Colville Indian to incur losses to his equity in the Colville Indian Reservation.

The ASSOCIATION request that you send it 100 copies of the bill so that each of its officers can study the complete text of your proposed legislation. As soon as copies of the bill are received, this letter will be followed by a more comprehensive letter which will set forth its objections section by section for each objectionable section if there are any objectionable sections contained in your bill.

Sincerely yours,

COLVILLE INDIAN ASSOCIATION



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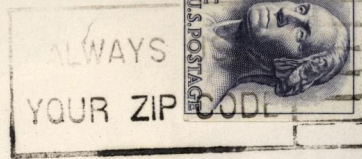
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## COLVILLE INDIAN ASSOCIATION

NEWS RELEASE

April 19, 1965

Seattle, Washington

There will be a meeting of the Colville Indian Association on April 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Center, 1900 Boren Ave., Seattle.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear reports on the Senate Subcommittee hearings held in Washington D.C. on April 5th and 6th, on Senate Bill S1413, termination legislation for the Colville Indians. Several viewpoints on the subject were represented with testimony from Colville Indian Association officers, the Colville Business Council, the Colville Petitioners Party, and an interesting note is that the subcommittee also heard from the Yakima Indians and the National Congress of American Indians, the latter contending that the Washington State public schools have not prepared the Colville Indian to go it alone. The United Press International report of April 6th further reported the National Congress of American Indians representative as saying that the Colville Indian has made no measurable progress in 30 years.

A report on the substance of the hearings will be given by Thomas E. Edwards, Seattle, and Mary Hall Wong, Tacoma, the President and Treasurer, respectively of the Colville Indian Association. Other officers of the Colville Indian Association who testified at the hearings were Mrs. Alyce Hallenius, Omak, and Mrs. Norma Inks, Spokane. A full discussion will follow the reports and material pertaining to the termination question will be available. The Colville Indian Association, using the criteria set forth in S1413 for establishing the value of timber, estimates each Indian could lose \$14,000. to \$21,000. if this bill is enacted.

Data Sheet on individuals equity in Colville Indian Estate  
(The figures given below are what each Indian's share amounts to in assets)

Forest lands.....	164 acres	(going price per acre not available)
Other lands.....	37 acres	(going price per acre not available)
Ponderosa Pine*	572,500 board feet	(best price on reservation was \$51.42 per thousand board feet)
Douglas-fir*	383,000 board feet	(best yearly average on reservation was \$11.58 per thousand bd-ft)
Western Larch*	151,200 board feet	(best yearly average on reservation was \$11.20 per thousand bd-ft)
True Fir*	38,700 board feet	(separate figure not available other than for Douglas-fir above)
Lodgepole Pine*	13,100 board feet	(best yearly average on reservation was \$16.02 per thousand bd-ft)
Other Conifers*	34,950 board feet	(best yearly average on reservation was \$11.70 per thousand bd-ft)
Mineral .....	(no one knows the value)	
Hunting and fishing rights	(there has been no value put on it yet)	

\* These figures are for commercial saw-size timber to which it must be increased to include timber under saw-size.

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