

Indian Affairs

August 17, 1948

Mrs. David M. Hartshorne

Poteau, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Hartshorne:

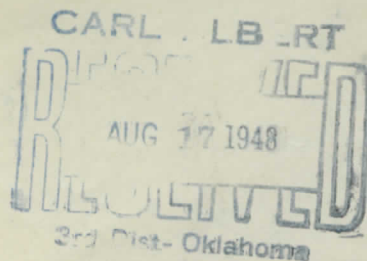
In the absence of Congressman Albert, who is in Oklahoma, receipt is acknowledged of a petition signed by you and other members of the Choctaw Tribe, in behalf of Mr. J. W. Belvin, who was recently elected Principal Chief of the Choctaw Indians.

We have been advised by the Indian Office today that his appointment has been made for a period of four years, beginning August 18, 1948. The Superintendent of the Five Civilized Tribes Agency, Muskogee, Oklahoma has been notified of this.

If we can be of further service, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Marie Mobley, Secretary to
CARL ALBERT, M. C.
3d District, Oklahoma



Poteau, Oklahoma
August 9, 1948

Honorable Carl Albert
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your help is requested in securing the immediate appointment of Harry J.W. Belvin as Principal Chief of the Cheetaws.

An election was held in the Cheetaw Nation on June 21, 1948 in accordance with and by the authority of the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs for selection of a Cheetaw Chief by the Cheetaw people. The election was a free and fair election. The Cheetaw people definitely indicated their choice of a Principal Chief by giving Harry J.W. Belvin more than one-third of all the votes cast in a field of seven candidates.

As the incumbent Principal Chief of the Cheetaws, William A. Durant, died on August 1, 1948; we the undersigned enrolled Cheetaws by blood urge that the will of the Cheetaw people as expressed on June 21, 1948 now be fulfilled in the immediate appointment of Harry J.W. Belvin as Principal Chief of the Cheetaws.

In advance we thank you for any assistance you may give us.

Respectfully,

Mrs. David M. Hartschorn
Poteau

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