

23 Appraisers Building  
San Francisco

April 16, 1933

Charles de Y. Elkins, Esq  
Indian Defense Association,  
435 California Street,  
San Francisco

Dear Mr Elkins:

On February 22 the District Attorney of Mono County called me in to ask assistance in putting Mr Collett behind the bars for violating the election laws at the last general election. I invite your scrutiny of the attached file and would appreciate your opinion of the legal merits of the case.

Sincerely,

Roy Nash, Field Representative

23 Appraisers Building  
San Francisco

June 12, 1973

To: Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Subject: The Mono County Case Against F.G. Collett

Dear Mr. Collier:

I inclose the file in the Mono County election case, for the scrutiny of your attorneys.

Mr. Elkus does not think the evidence warrants going to trial. Mr De Chambeau, the district attorney, is a young man with only four years at the bar and probably will be guided by Mr Elkus' opinion.

File is to be returned to this office when it has served your purpose.

Sincerely,

Ray Nash,  
Field Representative

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO )

Marry Cornwall being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That affiant is over the age of twenty one years and is a resident of the County of Mono, State of California.

That affiant, on or about the 2nd day of October, 1904, contacted Mr. Frederick G. Collett and Thomas L. Sloan and it was agreed that said Collett and Sloan would come to Coleville, Mono County, California, and assist and aid the Indians there to enable said Indians to vote at the General Election held November 6, 1904; that said Collett and Sloan were paid approximately \$31.00 for the rendering of the above services.

That at said General Election said Collett and Sloan were present at the place where said election was held and several of the Indians right to vote was challenged; that said Collett and Sloan each and severally and collectively took an active part in defending said Indians right to vote before said Election Board and for that reason many of the Indians did vote who would not otherwise have been allowed to vote by said Board; that said Collett and Sloan on or about November 6, 1904, held a meeting with said Indians advising them of their constitutional rights and that they could vote irrespective of educational qualifications on account of said election being to elect U. S. Senator and Congressman and said Indians being wards of the U. S. Government and, therefore, vote in a National election.

(signed) MARRY CORNWALL

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March, 1906.

(signed) CORNELIA M. HADY,  
Deputy Co. Clerk,  
Mono Co. Calif.

C O P Y

COUNTY OF MENO }  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA }

SHERIFF DICK, being first duly sworn deposes and says: that affiant is 40 years of age; that affiant cannot read nor write; that on November 8, 1954, that affiant requested the Election Board at the General Election held in Colville in the County of Meno on that date for the right to vote; that said Election Board requested affiant to read one hundred words of the Constitution of the State of California; that affiant informed said Election Board that affiant could not read and affiant was, by said Board, denied the right to vote.

That F. G. Collett and Thomas L. Sloan and each of them, before affiant requested the right to vote did tell affiant that affiant had the right to vote and for affiant to demand of said Board the right to vote. That when affiant went to said Board and requested the right to vote that F. G. Collett went with affiant and stood alongside of affiant during the entire proceedings before said Board, and said F. G. Collett did insist that affiant had the right to vote.

This affidavit has been read to affiant in the presence of the witnesses subscribed hereto and affiant knows the contents thereof, the penalty for making a false affidavit and makes this affidavit freely and of his own accord.

WITNESSES:

(signed) SHERIFF DICK

(sgd) MICHAEL HARRISON

(sgd) HARRY CANNON

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March, 1955.

(signed) CORNELIA W. HANBY,  
Deputy Co. Clerk,  
Meno Co., Calif.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

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JUN 19 1935  
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JUN 15 1935

Mr. Roy Nash,

Field Representative.

My dear Mr. Nash:

Your letter of June 4 about Mr. Garcia reached me on June 11 and I referred it to Mr. Hurton, Director of Indian Employment. Enclosed is a copy of a letter he has written Mr. Garcia.

Thanks for letting us know about Mr. Garcia. He sounds like good material and we will see what we can do. Even if he can not be placed immediately, he is certainly a candidate we should keep in mind and follow up.

Sincerely yours,

*Esary McLean*  
Assistant to the Commissioner.

Enclosure 171936.

**ENCLOSURE 171938**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

JUN 15 1935

Mr. Jesse S. Garcia,  
1925 Whittaker Avenue,  
Berkeley, California.

My dear Mr. Garcia:

Mr. Nash has written that you will graduate this month from the University of California in agricultural economics. He also advises us that while you are thinking of doing graduate work it might be advisable for you to work for a year or two, or perhaps three, before doing this graduate work.

I can not promise you, without more information both as to openings and to yourself, as to what might be available for you, but if you will fill out in detail the enclosed application I shall canvass the Office to find what chances there might be for employment, both now and later.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Barton,  
Director of Indian Employment.

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Enclosure 171938.