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STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN JOHN L. BERREY CONCERNING PAYMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL SETTLEMENT CHECKS IN THE QUAPAW TRUST CASE

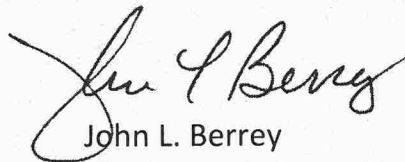
To the Individuals Participating in the *Goodeagle* Settlement:

You have been waiting almost four months to receive your settlement payments, and I, along with the entire tribal leadership and legal team, share your frustration. We have been pushing the Justice Department to speed up the payment process. But it has not seemed as if there has been much urgency by the government to get the settlement completed. This past Monday, the legal team requested the judge's assistance.

Today, at a status hearing, Judge Wheeler ordered the Justice Department to release the settlement funds by February 18. If the funds are not released by that date, the judge said he will consider awarding sanctions, including assessing interest on the unpaid settlement amounts. A copy of the judge's order is attached for your information.

Approximately 560 individuals—including plaintiffs and heirs—are participating in the *Goodeagle* settlement. The government's main excuse for the delay is that processing these payments has been complicated because of the large number of individuals involved. This is not a satisfactory excuse from my viewpoint. Regardless of the reason, we are pressing to get this settlement completed, and the judge agrees. He told the government today that February 18 is a "drop dead" date.

I wanted you to know we are doing everything we can to get your settlement payments made, and that I appreciate your patience. Gun-Ney-Gay.



John L. Berrey

Chairman, Quapaw Nation Business Committee

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

Nos. 12-431L and 12-592L

(Filed: January 16, 2020)

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GRACE M. GOODEAGLE, et al.,      *
        Plaintiffs,              *
v.                                *
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THE UNITED STATES,                *
        Defendant.                *
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QUAPAW NATION (O-GAH-PAH),      *
        Plaintiff,                *
v.                                *
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THE UNITED STATES,                *
        Defendant.                *
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ORDER

On January 16, 2020, the Court held a status conference in the above-captioned cases to discuss why certain plaintiffs had not yet been paid the money they were owed under the Parties' settlement agreement. For the reasons discussed in open court, the Court hereby ORDERS as follows:

- The full settlement amount shall be paid no later than February 18, 2020.
- If for any reason the full settlement amount is not paid by February 18, 2020, Defendant shall submit a full explanation for this failure to the Court, accompanied by a sworn declaration from an authorized representative of the Judgment Fund.

As discussed with counsel for the Parties, if the Government fails to pay the full settlement amount by February 18, 2020, the Court will entertain a motion for appropriate sanctions, such as interest on the unpaid settlement amounts.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Thomas C. Wheeler
 THOMAS C. WHEELER
 Judge