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DELAWARE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED

A meeting of the general council of the Cherokee Delaware Tribe, scheduled to be held September 11 in Dewey, Okla., has been cancelled, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today.

The purpose of the meeting was to have been to consider charges presented by the tribal grievance committee against the chairman, vice-chairman and secretary of the tribal business committee. The grievance committee, in a telegram to Commissioner Thompson received September 7, rescinded its previous resolution and indicated it had no charges of misconduct against any of the tribal officers.

The Commissioner had called the general council meeting at the request of the grievance committee in accordance with tribal by-laws mandating this action. The revocation of the grievance committee's request removed the basis for the Commissioner's calling of the meeting.

The Commissioner said that he is recommending that the Office of Indian Rights in the Department of Justice take appropriate action "in view of the numerous allegations that have been made" and to determine whether any Federal law, including the 1968 Indian Civil Rights Act, may have been violated.

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