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Distribution of Indian Claims Commission judgments totaling $2.7 million awarded to the Peoria Indian Tribe of Oklahoma, will be made beginning about September 6, Marvin L. Franklin, Assistant to the Secretary for Indian Affairs, announced today.

The awards for Dockets 289 and 314D made to the Peoria's represent additional payment for land ceded in Indiana in the 1800's and their actual fair share. Funds to cover the awards were appropriated and have been on deposit since January 8, 1971, for Docket 314D and December 15, 1971, for Docket 289 and are being distributed to the Peoria's under an Act of Congress of July 31, 1970.

Shares to individual Peoria's will be processed through the Treasury Department's regional disbursing office in Denver and mailed directly to each person whose name and address appear on the final roll of those eligible to share in the award. Checks that cannot be delivered will be returned to the Regional Disbursing Office in Denver and remained when the correct mailing address is obtained. Shares for minors will be held in trust.