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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Rec'd JAN 2 7 1940 OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FIELD SERVICE

> Box 572, Lakeport, California January 26, 1940

Superintendent, Sacramento Indian Agency Box 310, Sacramento, California

Dear Sir :

Reference is made to your latter of January 6,1940 relative to a survey of the Lower Lake Rancheria.

The deed on record at the county court house at Lakeport gives the description of the rancheria as follows :

The South half of the North East Quarter and Lot number Two of Section 34 in Township 13 North, Range 7 West, M.D.M., Lake County California containing 140.46 Acres.

No sub-division plat is on record for this section of land and no description could be found of Lot number Two.

The plat on file in your office is in error because in calculating the area of the parcel of land using the measurements shown on that plat, I find the area to be approximately six acres less than the rancheria is stated to have. Also in checking the measurements shown on that plat with what fences actually exist on the ground, I find the plat to be in error, and calculating the area using the measurements derived from the field survey, I find the area to be almost exactly as stated, 140.46 Acres.

My survey will require another day of field work, and after the survey is complete I will make up a new plat showing the corrections in boundary line data.

Yours very truly, Ralph M. Shane

Ralph M. Shane, Chief of Survey Party.

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Please check land appie records ENN.

P.S. I have checked the Land Office records in Sacramento and find no more information than I previously had obtained. Any further information will have to be derived from the original field notes. Kall M. Shand Ralph M. Shane

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Sacramento Indian Agency Sacramento 2, California February 7, 1945

Mr. H. A. Drebert, Secretary Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce Clearlake Highlands, California

Dear Mr. Breberts

We have your letter of January 29 regarding the possible acquisition of certain Indian lands to be used as the site of a hospital.

It will require considerable expenditure of time and money to prepare the appreisal and make the necessary reports.

Frankly, I do not feel that the government should be obligated for such an expenditure until such time as we are convinced that the money to be obtained from subscriptions to build a hospital has been raised.

As told you in my letter of October 23, 1944, this office cannot grant approval of such a sale because final authority rests with the Secretary of the Interior. Negotiations of this sort are very involved and take up considerable time. Granting that all things would be in your favor. I doubt very much if final approval to such a sale could , be hed in less than one year.

Very truly yours,

John G. Rockwell Superintendent

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Sacramento Indian Agency Sacramento 2, California

February 26, 1946.

Mr. Lewis C. Eokman, Rt. 3, Box 39, Petaluma, California.

Dear Mr. Eckmans

Replying to yours of the 20th, we are at a loss to know what information you desire regarding Section 34, 7. 18 N. R. 7 W.

Our records show this section contains approximately 140 acres purchased by the Government for use by Indians. If you are wondering whether this land would be for sale the answer is that at this time, we are not selling land, at least, not land in the status of the Lower Lake Rancheria. However, this is a matter that would have to be settled finally by the Secretary of the Interior. If this land was to be sold, it would only be sold after inviting bids and then by sale to the highest bidder.

If you are interested in making such a purchase, I would suggest that you address your commu isation to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Chicago, 54, Illinois. The Rancheria is unoccupied at the present time and to our best knowledge and belief has never been occupied since the time of its purchase.

Very truly yours,

John G. Rockwell, Superintendent

By Michael Harrison, Field Aid.

Lover Lake, California

May 3, 1953

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the County Board of Supervisors of Lake County, California, are desirous of acquiring by purchase at the appraised price, the tract known as the Lower Lake Rancheria, described as the $S_2^{\pm}NE_2^{\pm}$ and Lot 2 of Sec. 34, T. 13 N., R. 7 W., M.D.M., for the purpose of establishing a county airport, and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors have agreed in writing to re-transfer by gift deed to Louise Johnson, his wife, as joint tenants, the present residents of the Lower Lake Rancheria, a tract containing 41 acres, described in the contract to be executed between the Board of Supervisors of Lake County and the Secretary of the Interior, and

Whereas, the completion of this transaction requires enactment of legislation by Congress,

Now Therefore, it is hereby resolved by the present residents and only known members of the Lower Lake Rancheria to concur in the transfer of the Lower Lake Rancheria to the County for airport purposes and to receive in fee as joint tenants title to the 41 acres to be gift-deeded to the persons named above, their heirs and assigns forever, and

It is further resolved that the above-named individuals agree to the retention of the purchase price in a special account until its disposition shall be determined, either by Congress or by the Secretary of the Interior.

WITNESSES:

Members of Lower Lake Rancheria:

J.J.H.

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Sacramento Area Office P. O. Box 749 Sacramento 4, California

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February 29, 1952

Lake County Board of Supervisors Lakeport, California

Gentlemen;

Reference is made to our letter of March 14, 1951, and to the conference with Mr. B. M. Doolin, Mr. R. L. Webb of the Aeronautics Commission, and Mr. Henry Mauldin and Mr. John Pierce, County Supervisors of Lake County, held in my office on February 21, 1952, relative to the acquisition of an airport site on the Lower Lake Indian Rancheria.

During the past week we have made an investigation of this property and an appraised valuation of \$5,661.00 was placed on the entire tract.

In the event of a sale of this tract to the county, it is our understanding the county would then deed to the Indians all that portion of Lot 2, Sec. 34, lying south of the proposed airport site, as shown on the map prepared by the County Engineers Office and now held by the United States in trust for the Indians. This tract would be deeded to Louis Johnson and Stella Johnson, his wife, and Harry Johnson and Isabele Johnson, his wife. It is requested that the county confirm their intention to make such conveyance by letter to this office.

Steps may be taken immediately to initiate legislation to authorize the conveyance of the entire rancheria to the County of Lake. The rancheria is described as the $S_2^{\perp}NE_4^{\perp}$ and Lot 2, Sec. 34, T. 13 N., R. 7 W.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Leonard M. Hill

Leonard M. Hill Acting Area Director OFFICE OF

THOS. L. GARNER COUNTY CLERK AND AUDITOR LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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July 29, 1953

Refer to: Land 308 - Lower Lake Rancheria

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Sacramento Area Office, P. O. Box 749, Sacramento 4, Calif.

Dear Sirs: Atten: Leonard M. Hill, Area Director

We are enclosing herewith the re-

vised contracts per your letter of July 3rd.

Yours very truly,

County Clerk

Land 506 - Lover Lake Rancheris

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Sacramento Area Office F. O. Box 749 Sacramento 4, California August 10, 1953

AIR MAIL

Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Branch of Land

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bill H.R. 6105 "to authorize the conveyance to the County of Lake, California, of the Lower Lake Rancheria" which was introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Scudder on July 6, 1953, which reads as follows:

> "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to sell to the county of Lake, California, for the purpose of establishing an airport, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to real property described as south half northeast quarter, and lot 2, section 34, township 13 north, range 7 west, Mount Diablo meridian, containing one hundred forty and forty-six one-hundredths acres, known as the Lover Lake Rancheria. The deed shall be made from the Secretary of the Interior to the Lake County Board of Supervisors, and the purchase price shall be the fair market value of such property at the time of sale as determined by the Secretary of the Interior. The purchase price shall be placed in a special account in the Treesury known as the Celifornia Indians 4 per centum judgment fund."

The Lower Lake Rancheria was purchased from Thomas M. Furves, et al, on January 25, 1916, title being conveyed to the United States of America, the purchase price being \$1,404.60. It appears from all available information that this property was unoccupied from the time of the purchase until 1947. On October 9, 1947, the rancheria was assigned by the Acting Superintendent, California Indian Agency, to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson. However, Lewis Johnson and Stelle Johnson, his wife, did not move onto the property and since 1947 only Harry Johnson and Isabella Johnson, his wife, have lived on the tract. They constructed a small house on the rancheria and have been utilizing only the homesite.

We have discussed the possible sale of this rancheria to the County of Lake as a site for an airport with members of the Board of Supervisors of Lake County on several occasions and have carried on correspondence regarding the subject since March 7, 1951. An appraisal of the rancheria was made by Land Field Agent Logsdon on February 28, 1952, which is as follows:

Homesites, 37.41 acres @ \$50 per acre	\$1,870.50
Grazing land, 63.05 acres @ \$10 per acre	630.50
40 acres @ \$4 per acre	160.00
Total value of land	\$2,661.00
Replacement value of improvements	1.000.00
Total value	\$3,661.00

By contract executed by the Board of Supervisors of Lake County on June 22, 1953, the County has agreed in the event that this land is purchased by the County, to convey to Harry Johnson and Isabella Johnson, the present Indian occupants of the rancheria, as a gift, a 41-acre percel of the tract as described in the contract. The Indians would receive unrestricted title to this 41-acre tract.

On May 5, Land Officer Douglas Clark held a meeting at the Lower Lake Rancheria with the Harry Johnson and Lewis Johnson families at which other Indians of Lake County were present, as well as J. H. Pearce, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Lake County, to explain the proposed sale to the County. The Indians approved of the sale of the rancheria to the County on the condition that the 41-acre parcel would be conveyed as a gift to Harry and Isabella Johnson. They also agreed that the proceeds received from the sale of the land would be retained in a special account until the disposition of the funds shall be determined either by Congress or by the Secretary of the Interior.

It is my recommendation that the Bill H.R. 6105 be passed and that the last sentence in the Bill be amended to read,

> "The purchase price shall be retained in a special account by the Area Director for California until the disposition of the funds shall have been determined either by Congress or by the Secretary of the Interior."

There are enclosed copies of the appraisal report of February 28, 1952, of the resolution of May 3, 1953, signed by the members of the Lower Lake Rancheria, and of the contract of June 22, 1953, executed by the Board of Supervisors, County of Lake, each in duplicate.

Sincerely yours,

(SCO) HENRY HARRIS, JR.

Henry Harris, Jr. Acting Area Director

Enclosures

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Feb. 21, 1952

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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. Leonard M. Hill, Acting Area Director

Proposed Lakeport Airport

Today the following persons called on me in connection with the proposed Lakeport Airport involving a portion of the Lower Lake Eancheria:

Mr. B. M. Doolin	Mr. R. L. Webb
Director of Aeronautics	Supervising Engineer
Aeronautics Commission	Aeronautics Commission
Mr. Henry Mauldin	Mr. John Pierce
County Supervisor, District #5	County Supervisor, District #5
Lakeport, California	Lakeport, California

Apparently these men talked to Area Director Ring previously and there had been an exchange of correspondence relating to the proposition of transferring a part of the Rancheria to the County for the Municipal Airport with the idea of the County supplying the Indians with some more desirable land in exchange. I understood from the conversation that Mr. Ring had promised to make an appraisal of the proposed airport land after the County people had obtained approval signatures of the Indians involved. However, the County people have been reluctant to ask approval of the Indians since they are not positive that sufficient funds are available to complete the transaction, therefore, they wish to have an appraisal made as soon as possible so as to enable them to proceed with the transaction if funds are available, or to drop the matter if sufficient funds are not available. I informed them that no such sale or exchange could be accomplished without Congressional authorization. They were aware of this fact but stated that the Congressional delegation, or more particularly, the Congressman representing their District was informed of the situation and was ready to introduce any authorizing legislation necessary.

I promised that we would coperate and would make the appraisal as soon as possible and in any case, would let them know what our plans were within one week. Mr. Doolin stated that since he was located here in Sacramento that he could be contmated conveniently and would be glad to offer any information or assistance which he could.

LHE/mk cc: Mr. Douglas Clark

Land Lower Lake Rancheria

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Sacramento Area Office P. O. Box 749 Sacramento 4, California December 12, 1952

Mr. Thomas L. Garner Clerk, Board of Supervisors of Lake Co. Lakeport, California

Dear Mr. Garner:

Thank you for your letter of December 10 stating that the Lake County Board of Supervisors are interested in acquiring for an airport site the Lower Lake Indian Rancheria and that our appraisal of \$3,661.00 for this tract is acceptable to the Board. Under the proposed terms of the transaction approximately \$1 acres described as that portion of Lot 2, Sec. 3\$, T. 13 N., R. 7 W., M.D.M., 1ying south of the proposed airport site would be deeded by the County to the Indian occupants of the Rancheria, Lewis Johnson and Stella Johnson, his wife, and Henry Johnson and Isabella Johnson, his wife. The Rancheria is described as the $S\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}$ and Lot 2, Sec. 3ҍ, T. 13 N.,R. 7 W., M.D.M., containing 1h0.h6 acres.

As you know, legislation by congress would be required to accomplish the transaction. Before recommending the legislation we wish to ascertain that the Indians involved thoroughly understand the terms of the proposed bill and to have them sign a statement signifying their approval of the legislation.

Therefore, it is suggested that you submit a draft of the proposed legislation authorizing the sale to the County of Lake as outlined. Following our review of the legislation, we would like to arrange a meeting with the Indians of the Rancheria and your representatives to discuss the terms of the proposed bill. We believe that this procedure would largely eliminate any possibility of a misunderstanding by the Indians in the future.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Leonard M. Hill

Leonard M. Hill Area Director EARL W. WRIEDEN IST C.STRICT. MIDDLETOWN J.H. PEARCE VD DISTRICT. CLEAR LAKE HIGHLANDS . L. TURNER JRD DISTRICT. WITTER SPRINGS C. W. LAMPSON 4TH DISTRICT. LAKEPORT HENRY K. MAULDIN STH DISTRICT. LAKEPORT

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LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

C. W. LAMPSON CHAIRMAN

THOS. L. GARNER COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF BOARD

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LAKEPORT, CALIFORNIA

December 10, 1952.

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P. O. Box 749, Sacramento 4, Calif. 300/DC/ba 050 - Lower Lake Rancheria

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in regard to the proposed sale of Lower Lake Indian Rancheria property containing 140.46 acres to the County of Lake for an airport site.

Sometime ago you made us an offer of approximately \$3600.00, which we understand is for the entire property, and that we will deed back to the Indians approximately 41 acres across the road from the airport site.

This is to advise that the Lake County Board of Supervisors will pay the amount set up in your letter. We do not have the exact amount here but will meet the terms which were discussed with Supervisor J. H. Pearce when he called at your office in November.

Very truly yours,

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS thos. 1 and Clerk.

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Area Director

Rita Singer, Attorney

Proposed Legislation for Transfer of Lover Lake Eancheria to Lake County

I called Mr. Garner, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Lake County this morning at your suggestion, and told him that we would like to discuss the proposed transaction with the Chief of the Land Division who will probably be in this area around the middle of this month.

Although Mr. Garner had not been present at the last meeting between representatives of our office and some of the Board of Supervisors, he was familiar with the subject and stated that he would report to the members of the Board that we would get in touch with them again in about two weeks concerning this matter. I explained the reason for the delay was for the purpose of determining whether this transaction would have any effect on our overall program.

I pointed out that any draft of legislation we would submit to them would be merely advisory in any event, which he already understood.

RS/bk

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Area Director

DATE: 1/5/53

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FROM : Rita Singer, Attorney 19

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation for Transfer of Lower Lake Rancheria to Lake County

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Sacramento Area Office P. O. Box 749 Sacramento 4, California

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January 21, 1953

Mr. C. V. Kane, District Engineer Division of Highways 546 West Wabash Avenue Eureka, California

Dear Mr. Kane:

Reference is made to your letter of January 5, concerning the possible sale of the Indian tract known as the Lower Lake Rancheria to Lake County. Such a proposal has been made by the County. However, legislation by Congress will be required to authorize such a sale. It is our understanding that the County will sponsor such legislation.

The Lower Lake Rancheria is described as the $S_{2}^{1}NE_{4}^{1}$ and Lot 2 of Sec. 34. T. 13 N., R. 7 W., M.D.M., containing 140.46 acres. The State Aeronautics Commission, Mr. B. M. Doolin, Director, has prepared a map of this tract showing the location of the proposed landing field. At our request, Mr. Doolin is mailing one of these maps directly to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Leonard M. Hill

Leonard M. Hill Area Director

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

DISTRICT I 546 W. WABASH AVENUE EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

January 5, 1953

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO P. O. BOX 1012

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO.

S.S.R. 53 I-Lak-49-C

Mr. Leonard M. Hill Area Director U. S. Department of Agriculture Bureau of Indian Affairs P. 0. Box 749 Sacramento 4, California

Dear Mr. Hill:

I have been informed by officials of Lake County that you intend disposing of 160 acres of land along State Sign Route 53 just north of Cache Creek; also, that a portion of the land will be acquired by Lake County which will be delineated on the west by a right of way to be dedicated for future State highway use. The Lake County officials have requested that I assist them in determining the preferred strip to be so dedicated.

I should appreciate receiving any maps or pertinent information on this matter so that I might assist in orderly disposition.

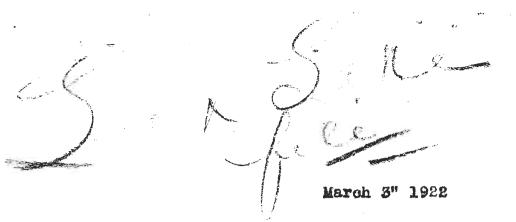
Yours very truly,

District Engineer

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Commissioner of indian Affairs,

a hington B.C.

Dear Sir:

Can your office furnush me with a blue print or a rough draft of the plat of land bought by Mr Terrell near Lower Lake known as the Purvis tract.?I have looked over my files for such a map or drawing but find nothing.Will need this map to work by when the weather gets good and I can get there to see about the ferwing proposition.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING: Land-Records 19592-22

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

MAR 24 1922

Mr. W. W. McConihe,

Supt. Round Valley School.

My dear Mr. McConihe:

In compliance with your request you will

find inclosed herewith a rough sketch of the location of the Purvis tract. This is copied from a draft made by Inspector J. J. Terrell at the time the tract was purchased, and is the only draft of this tract in our files.

very truly yours.

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COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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PERMIT

Permission is hereby granted the State of Culifornia, through its Division of Highways, the right to establish a stockpile site on the "Purvis Flat" Indian Rancheria, commonly known as the Lower Lake Rancheria, more particularly described as:

> S/2 of NE/4 and Lot 2, Section 34, Township 15 N., Range 7N., M.D.H., California

Said stockpile site to be approximately 100 feet wide and approximately 500 feet long, said 500 feet running north and south; site to be located approximately 1.93 miles north of Lower Lake, on the east side of the State highway.

It is expressly understood and agreed by the permittee that this is a naked permit, revocable at the discretion of the Superintendent of the Sacramento Indian Agency.

Done st Sacramento, California, this 13th day of June 19 39.

Superintendent