

MEMO. FOR MR. NASH:

Bert Steele called long distance from Healdsburg relative to the Healdsburg Rancheria. Said he had written this office Feb. 9th relative to making use of the Rancheria property and he had been given authority to do so, or that is a part of it. Later he called up this office and someone had told him that he could go ahead and use the entire property as long as there was no one else making use of it. He wanted to arrange an appointment with you as to how neighboring whites could be kept off the property. He had asked them to keep their stock off but they were making no effort to do so. One of the names of trespasser was Phil Ponzo, but there were others. I asked him if he knew the lines on the Rancheria and he said yes, he believed he did. Told him we were sending him today some cloth signs relative to trespass on Indian land, etc. and he could post them and would write him on Monday as to what further action could be taken. He said the whites around there had taken the attitude that the land had been unused so long that they had a right to use it if they wanted to.

Have mailed about 15 cloth signs to Mr. Steele at Healdsburg today

M.H.

5/1/37- 10:15 AM

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