



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Sacramento Area Office
Sacramento 4, California
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Mr. and Mrs. John W. Myers
Rt. 2, Box 56-A
Hoadsburg, California

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Myers:

Reference is made to your letter of November 3, 1952 which was delivered to me by F. G. Collett on November 7.

While I appreciate your concern with respect to making improvements on a portion of the Lytton Rancheria, I am unable to take any action to grant you a deed or a patent to that portion of the rancheria to which you lay claim. As I told Mr. Collett, the rancheria land was purchased for the landless Indians of California and title remains in the United States. We have no legal authority to grant title for such land to any Indian groups or individuals at this time. The pending withdrawal bill, S.3005, if enacted, would grant such authority, but until Congress acts on this matter we can not take action.

It is my earnest hope that some action will be taken by the ensuing Congress so that we may be able to take care of your situation and other problems of similar nature on other rancherias.

Sincerely yours,

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Leonard M. Hill
Area Director