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Mr. J. J. Terrell,
Special Commissioner,
General Delivery,
San Francisco, California.

DEC -4 1916

My dear Mr. Terrell:

The Office has given consideration to your letter of November 18, 1916, reporting on the desirability of purchasing 160 acres for \$1400 from W. J. Meldrum for the benefit of the Verona-Sacramento River Indians, and possibly for other bands which you state it is likely may be persuaded to join these Indians. It is noted that this land is adjacent to the tract recently purchased from Mrs. Lucy H. Thomas for the El Dorado Indians.

In view of your report showing that this land has fine water and good wood for domestic uses, and will likely make a home for practically all the Indians in that vicinity, the Office believes that the purchase should be effected, but before you take steps to procure the abstract of title and warranty deed from Mr. Meldrum, your further report is desired to show why you have included in the census submitted with your letter of January 4, 1916, some Hawaiians. These are not Indians, and the fund for the purchase of California lands could not properly be expended on them unless by reason of affiliation or adoption into the

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band they have become a part of it. Apparently some of the Indians in this band are living in Sacramento, California, and if they have adopted the habits of civilized life, please justify further your recommendation that land be purchased for them.

Where does Mary Wilson, who you state is married to a German, live? Should she be allowed to share in the benefits of this purchase, if made? It is noted that you have not included her husband in the census of the band.

Upon receipt of your report further consideration will be given this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) C. F. Hawks
Chief Clerk.