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Mr. John J. Terrell,  
Inspector Indian Service.

My dear Mr. Terrell:

This refers to your letters of November 18, 1916, and December 3, 1917, respecting the purchase of lands for the use and occupancy of the Sacramento-Verona bands of Indians of El Dorado County, California.

In view of the facts stated in your several reports, more especially in the reports just referred to, you are requested to consummate the purchase from W. J. Meldrum for the Sacramento-Verona bands of Indians, the lands mentioned in his letter to you of October 3, 1916, namely; the NW/4 of Sec. 29, T. 10 N., R. 10 E., M. D. M., in El Dorado County, California, at a cash consideration of \$1400. In his said letter Mr. Meldrum agreed to convey the above described land to the United States by warranty deed (Form in use in California), and to furnish an abstract of title, which abstract shall show good and sufficient title in him, free of all taxes, liens, or mortgages. The deed and abstract of title should be accompanied by a certificate by the proper county official that all taxes have been paid up to the date of conveyance, and from the Clerk of Court of the proper District respecting judgments, or judgment liens against the land.

It should be noted that the purchase should be made for the "landless Indians of California" and not for "Hawaiian Indians" who may have intermarried with the California Indians. If any of this class of intermarried Indians desire to join the bands for whom the land is purchased, the Office will consider each particular case on its merits. Please let this purchase receive early and careful attention.

Very truly yours,

Signed, O. F. Hauke

Chief Clerk.

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