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IN REPLY REFER TO:
FC 09708

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Cheryl Schmit, Director
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Dear Ms. Schmit:

We received your Freedom of Information requests seeking certain documents pertaining to the Wilton and Buena Vista Rancherias. The requests were consolidated under our reference No. FC 09708.

Documents requested for the Wilton Rancheria:

1. All Indian agent correspondence of Special Agent C.E. Kelsey and Agent John Terrell for the establishment of the Wilton Rancheria.

RESPONSE: Enclosed is an excerpt from file 52763-1927 (313) pertaining to the purchase of the Wilton Rancheria. The enclosure **does not** include correspondence from or to Kelsey or Terrell, and it appears at the time, Superintendent Dorrington was charged with making land purchases. The entire record is on file at the National Archives, General Services Administration, Civil Branch, 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, Room 13E, Washington, D.C. 20408, and we believe the record is available to the public.

2. Documents that verify the withdrawal of the Indians of the Wilton Rancheria from the class action litigation, Tillie Hardwick, et al., v. U.S., and evidence of termination.

RESPONSE: Enclosed are copies of (1) the 1983 Order Approving Entry of Final Judgment and the Stipulation for Entry of Judgment in the Hardwick case (see paragraph 14 on page 7 of the Stipulation, i.e., claims of Wilton, et al., are dismissed without prejudice); (2) Federal Register Notice dated September 15, 1964 titled "Termination of Federal Supervision" for the Wilton Rancheria; (3) letter dated July 13, 1964 to Commissioner of Indian Affairs re completion of actions for Wilton; (4) July 19, 1961 Completion Statement for the Wilton Rancheria; and (5) Plan for the Distribution of Wilton's assets.

3. Documents that verify the satisfactory termination of the Wilton Rancheria as described in the February 1966 Progress Report to the Governor and State Legislature of California.

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RESPONSE: Your request includes a footnote reference to your website, which, in turn, cites a [U.S.] Senate Report to accompany HR. 2824, 85th Congress 2^d Session Report 1874, Calendar No. 1907. We were unable to locate a report for the "2^d" Session, but enclosed is a copy of the Report 1874, Calendar No. 1907, 85th Congress, 1st Session, to accompany H.R. 2824.

Documents requested for the Buena Vista Rancheria:

1. Indian agent correspondence of Special Agent C.E. Kelsey and Agent John Terrell for the establishment of the Buena Vista Rancheria.

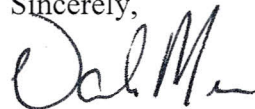
RESPONSE: Enclosed is an excerpt from file 49751-1926 (308) pertaining to the purchase of the Buena Vista Rancheria. The enclosure **does not** include correspondence from or to Kelsey or Terrell, and it appears at the time, Superintendent Dorrington was charged with making land purchases. The entire record is on file at the National Archives, General Services Administration, at the address provided above.

This response is made pursuant to 43 CFR 2.28(a)(2). If you consider this response to be a denial of your request, you may file an appeal by writing to the Office of the Solicitor, Attention: FOIA Appeals Officer, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS-6556, Washington, D.C. 20240. Your appeal letter must be marked, both on its envelope and at the top of its first page with the legend "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." Your appeal letter should be accompanied by a copy of your original FOIA request and this letter, along with any information you have that leads you to believe that the requested records exist at this office. Your appeal letter must be received by the FOIA Appeals Officer no later than 30 workdays after the date of this response.

We are required to charge fees for responding to FOIA requests pursuant to 43 CFR 2.16. However, as the fees for search and duplication is less than \$30.00, we are not requesting that you pay any fees at this time, 43 CFR 2.16(b)(2).

Should you have further questions, please contact Carmen Facio, Realty Officer, at (916) 978-6062, or Douglas Garcia, FOIA Coordinator, at (916) 978-6052.

Sincerely,



Regional Director

Enclosures

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