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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN FIELD SERVICE

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SACRAMENTO INDIAN AGENCY
SACRAMENTO-CALIFORNIA

November 9, 1927

Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

The attached option from the Cosumnes Company for the purchase of lots 615, 616, 617, Central California Traction Unit No. 7, Sacramento County, California containing 38.77 acres for homeless Indians of California is submitted for your consideration and necessary action. The following is offered in support of same, to wit:

It is found, after careful inquiry, that thirty-three families comprising at least one hundred and fifty homeless Indians reside and procure employment a considerable portion of the year in the vicinity of the proposed option, as shown by the attached list, giving the number of Indians in each family which is believed sufficient to warrant our serious consideration.

For your information and in further justification kindly let it be known that this option is regarded as an unusually good one, and one we should not allow to get away from us. The Indians involved are in great need of a home site within convenient reach of the market for their labor. They are absolutely homeless and have for many years drifted from place to place securing employment, but having no abode, although their principle employment has been in the vicinity of the land here under consideration.

Further the land under consideration was set away at the time the tract was opened for recreation grounds and has not been on the market until now and only because the tract is practically sold out. It is learned that same was not intended for the market until after January 1, 1928, when other interested parties were expected to take an option on a term sale at \$150.00 per acre or \$5815.50. This same said fact was brought to our attention through certain Indians of that locality and upon investigation it was learned that the Cosumnes Company owned it. Negotiations were immediately entered into and after considerable time we have succeeded in obtaining the option, but not until the Company was assured of our good faith in the premises and that any purchase made by us would be cash did they consent to give us the option. Further after considerable negotiations they agreed to make the consideration for the flat sum of \$5000.00 (reduction of \$815.15) and also agreed to put down and establish a good domestic well at their expense at any point selected by us.

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Further the tract under consideration is unusually suitable for our purposes, with the exception of that part covered by large (very large) oak trees, and is excellent farming land; the trees of course will be protected.

This tract is ideally located for the convenience of the Indians it is at the "cross roads" of two important highways same passing on two sides. The Central California Traction Company's line between Sacramento and Stockton passes immediately in front on the South side of the tract and there is a regular station, post office and store within one hundred yards of the land, known as Wilton, California. There is also a good public school at the same point, which is available for Indian Pupils.

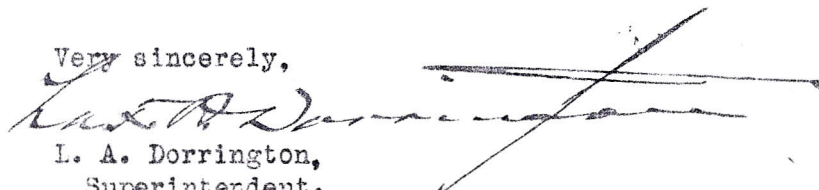
Attention is respectfully invited to the fact that the option is limited to sixty days from November 1, 1927, and it is feared same may not be extended, unless possibly the deal has advanced to a point where it seems reasonably certain that the same could and would be consummated as soon as title has been found satisfactory and necessary details as to purchase have been accomplished.

This matter, Mr. Commissioner, is regarded as one of the very best propositions for homeless Indians of California that has been submitted for your consideration and may we prevail upon you to take favorable action. Approval is urgently recommended.

The preliminary report by a Title Insurance Company covering the whole of tract number seven and of which the land under consideration is a part show the Cosumes Company are in a position to furnish good and clear title. The fact that the Title Insurance Policy, for the land here being considered, will cost the Company about \$70.00 it has been deemed only fair and proper to not require them to furnish same unless the option has received favorable sanction, & it appears reasonably certain that the deal would be consummated if requirements of the Department are met.

Again most respectfully urging favorable action, I remain

Very sincerely,


L. A. Dorrington,
Superintendent.

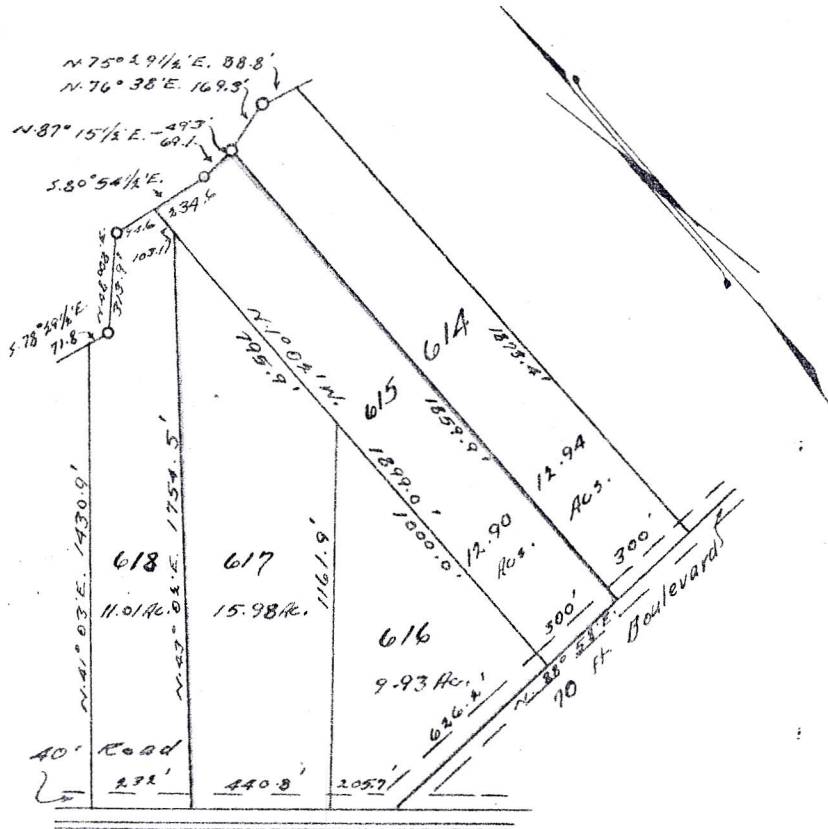
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List of Indians, near Wilton, California.

<u>Family</u>	<u>Number in family</u>	<u>persons</u>
Steel, Luther	8	persons
Steel, Lillie	13	"
Green, Edward	2	"
Green, Ray	4	"
Ray, Cleave	10	"
Adams, Cleave	3	"
Blind Tom	1	"
Ray, Semore	6	"
Viley, Joe	3	"
Clifford, Jes	5	"
Adams, Permila	4	"
Curry, Tex	3	"
Armstrong, Jack	4	"
Vilencia, Willie	2	"
Taylor, Millard	8	"
Jacks, -----	3	"
Taylor, Lewis	5	"
Smith, Billie	4	"
Smith, Virgie	7	"
Jones, Billie	4	"
Thompson, Henry	4	"
Murray, Andy	5	"
Williams, Lillie	4	"
Jamerson, -----	3	"
Childes, Dick	5	"
Brown (son-in-law Handy)	3	"
Handy, Old Man	4	"
Rodgeries, Merced	4	"
McKean, Charlie	7	"
Cifuenties, Eva	2	"
Porter, -----	12	"

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Note:
 There are others, no doubt, entitled
 to consideration and assignment at
 same place.



Flat of Lots 615, 616, and 617 of CENTRAL CALIFORNIA TRACTS UNIT NO. 7, according to plat filed May 11, 1911.

Scale: 1 inch = 600 feet.

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