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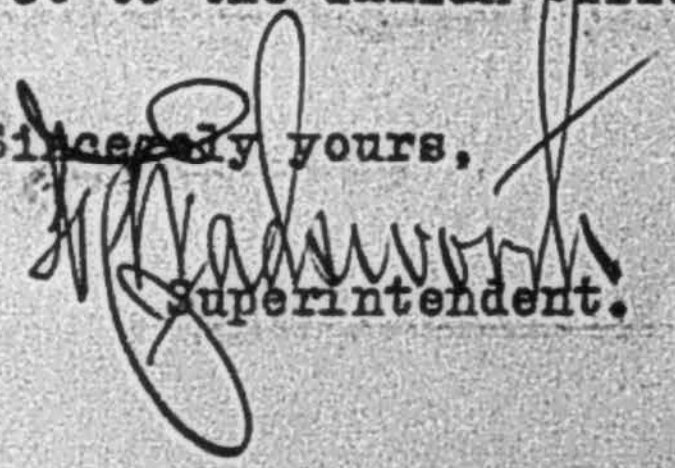
Mr. Ed. Fletcher,

920 Eighth St., San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Fletcher:-

I have to thank you for yours of the 30th ultimo, and carbon of yours of September 29th to yours Mr. J. A. Ream, at Warners Springs. I am very glad indeed, that you have taken the attitude you have with reference to the old Indian chapel at Warners Springs, and hope it may be completely restored to its original form and condition.

Regarding the proposed new road from Eagle's Nest Ranch to the Lookout Station, will say that your statements as to the same are practically identical with those made to me on the ground by Mr. Ream, and communicated by me to the Indians in my conference with them there some time ago. Inspector Sweet has the matter now in hand, and I understand will make a detailed report on the subject to the Indian Office at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent.

September 30, 1916.

Mr. H. E. Wadsworth,
Superintendent Indian Reservation,
San Jacinto, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wadsworth:

At the suggestion of Mr. Sweet, I want to write you the following relative to our intentions in the matter of the road through the Indian Reservation to the top of Hot Springs Mountain.

We have not, and never have had any intention of fencing the road through the Indian Reservation or even putting a fence across the road.

In addition thereto, I will gladly let the Indians use my private roads, and will put in gates which will be located so that they can get through on horseback. This road through the Indian Reservation belongs to the Indians and can be used by them for any and all purposes at any time. All the labor on the road through the Indian Reservation will be Indian labor, paid for at the regular rates, and the labor alone will unquestionably amount to several thousand dollars.

Enclosed find copy of letter to our Superintendent, Mr. J. A. Ream, in relation to the rebuilding of the chapel and the use of lands around the Springs for the Indians, which is explanatory, and shows my feelings toward the Indians. I think the Indians have misunderstood this matter and our attitude. I hope you will talk this matter over with the Indians and that they will thoroughly understand our position.

Yours very truly,


UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FIELD SERVICE

Eureka, California,
August 9, 1933.

Mr. Ed Fletcher,
1020 Ninth Avenue,
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

Referring to yours of the 7th, I will say that I am hopeful that you are willing to accept the boundary line which Harrison Williams believes to be the one dividing your property from his. Harrison is now operating a camp at Klamath and will be pleased to show you where he believes the boundary to be.

If this line is not acceptable to you it may be necessary to ask the U. S. Survey office in San Francisco to determine the line. I suggest that you check on it while up there and then give me your opinion in the matter.

Very truly yours,



O. M. Boggess,
Superintendent.

*Mr. Boggess
7/13/33
Klamath 23*

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Mr. Walter Wehlike
417 So. Hill Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

Subject: Edgemore Farm, Santee, owned by County
of San Diego.

My dear Mr. Wehlike:

If it is the policy of the Indian Bureau to bring the Indians and the Whites closer together for the benefit of the Indians by all means I recommend the purchase from the county of Edgemore Farm now used for indigents.

It is located 18½ miles from San Diego in El Cajon Valley. The San Diego River runs thru the property. It is approximately 4 miles from El Cajon and 4 miles from Lakeside. There are 6 or 8 houses nearby called the town of Santee. The property itself is from a quarter of a mile to a mile from the paved highway. The county has located there now 250 to 300 indigents. It is too far to be operated economically.

The present investment in the property is \$700,000 or \$800,000. I have the authority, unofficially, to sell the property for \$100,000 as the county wants to take advantage of an opportunity to buy cheap a building within four or five miles from the City of San Diego, better adapted to the needs of the indigents and more economical to operate by far than the present farm.

The Edgemore Farm property comprises 586 acres, all of which is tillable excepting possibly 50 acres in the river bed. There is over 300 acres under irrigation with three splendid pumping plants - an unlimited supply of water.

There is one pumping plant on the north side of the river with a 25 H.P. motor on a six inch pump that pumps 1500 gallons a minute. On the south side there is a pumping plant and 20 H.P. motor that pumps about 800 gallons a minute. Over 300 acres are all piped for water and ready for instant operation.

The improvements cost over \$500,000. They include the following buildings: Womens ward, 35 rooms, psychopathic ward, 60 rooms, the mens quarters, 50 rooms, 15 four to five room cottages, a boiler plant which furnishes water and steam to all the buildings, four large cow barns, a large galvanized iron hay barn, horse barn, implement shed, four silos, and another large galvanized hay barn.

A splendid sewer out fall plant in every particular is now installed and in operation. The property is now in alfalfa and corn. A large acreage. It will grow any kind of deciduous fruit and part of it is excellent for citrus on the north side. If you wish any cheap lands adjoining for pasturage they can easily be acquired.

Electric power is on the ground. Enclosed are just a few of the pictures of the building. Most of these Indians who would be moved, they work in El Cajon Valley several months of the cropping season, picking grapes, oranges, etc. I do not know of a more ideal spot for the Indians to be by themselves and yet close to civilization.

The land is particularly adapted for small subdivision as well as general farming with the buildings for the community center already built. The 15 houses could be easily moved to different sections of the property for the individuals.

No Indian can farm over 4 or 5 acres successfully as he can grow two crops a year of vegetables without trouble on this property and the supply of water is unlimited.

The location of this property is marked on the enclosed map, "El Cajon Site".

The price I have quoted is confidential and if interested the government should take the matter up with me. The lowest price the county has ever made on this property is \$285,000.

Yours very truly,

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