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 Attn: Director  
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 N. V. C.

Subject of Enclosure.

OCT 27 1944

Re: Complainants

of the General Land Office.

General Land Office

Will you kindly furnish me a copy of a letter dated Aug 15,  
 1944, transmitted to this office by the Bureau, U. S. Army, R.  
 & E. Dept., Boston, which will be directed to the General Land  
 Office, San Francisco, and forwarded to you at the earliest  
 opportunity.

Very truly yours, (Signature)

John F. T. Dugan, Esq., De G. E. Mac. A., Director, San  
 Francisco, Cal. The records of your office, in accordance  
 with letter 270023, General City Surveyor, San Francisco, Cal.,  
 dated Sept. 1, 1944, transmitted to the Bureau, U. S. Army, R.  
 & E. Dept., Boston, Mass., when forwarded to the General Land  
 Office, San Francisco, will have been referred to the Bureau, U. S. Army,  
 R. & E. Dept., Boston, Mass., for the purpose of determining  
 whether or not the same may be forwarded to the General Land Office, San  
 Francisco, Cal., for consideration by the General Land Office, San  
 Francisco, Cal., in accordance with the provisions of the Act of  
 Oct. 22, 1940, entitled "An Act to Simplify the Procedure for  
 the Settlement of Land Disputes." (See page 2  
 of this letter for a copy of the Act.)

Very truly yours,

COPY

O'Neil, Nevada, May 18, 1914.

Dept. of Interior,  
Division of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am a Shoshone Indian, raised on a little ranch near Wells, Nevada. My father had lived on this place for many years prior to his death. After he died I took charge of the ranch and made my living there up to 1913. I have the land fenced and entirely cultivated. The amount of land embraced in this claim to the best of my knowledge is 45 or 50 acres. In 1913 a man by the name of McAbee came there and took the land and told me to leave. Some white men said that he had taken this land as a desert land entry with other lands adjoining it. The white men also tell me that if he could take my land from me he would have no right to take it under the desert land not as it was not desert land. I had it cultivated part of it with a part of hay and other parts potato, grain and other vegetables which I lived on. I am writing you to find out if there is any way for me to get my ranch back. If you need any further information in reference to this I can get it.

As for the description of the land at present I can not give it but if you want that let me know and I will have a white man get it and I will send it to you. Who ever that took my ranch also took my implements. I have a wife, two children, an aged mother and a niece 12 years old to support and the loss of this ranch makes it very hard for me to make a living for the people depending on me for their living. I trust you will give this matter your immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Tim Jacobs (Indian)

O'Neil, Elko County,

Nevada.

P.S. The man McAbee who took my ranch to a white man.

Durlap, Calif. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1914.

R. T. Jones,  
O'Neill, Nevada.

Dear Sir:-

The question in reference to your land which it seems  
had been taken by some one else and regarding which you wrote  
to Washington on May, 18, 1914 has just been referred to me for  
report but it arrived at a time I had a few weeks work laid out  
which will take up time until about the first of December.

I now plan to come to Wells very early in December and look the  
matter over very carefully and hope that I may find the means of  
restoring the land to you if the facts are as stated by you.

I should be there by the 10th of December and possibly I may  
able to get there a few days earlier.

If the land is near Wells I hope - may meet you there and save  
taking the time to go away out to O'Neill. I will try to write to  
you again telling you just when to expect me.

Very Respectfully,

C. L. Johnson,  
Special Indian Agent.

Land  
Allotments.  
1917-18.  
U. S. G.

Status of Jim Jones  
allotment.

Dec. 5, 1918.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with Office letter above of October 27th, have to report that I have visited this land, in company with Mr. Sharp, who visited the complainant, but I was unable to see Mr. Coffeen, as he was away from home and out of reach of convenient transportation. I am enclosing a little sketch that will assist in understanding the situation. Jim Jones has lived in this little valley all his life and his father lived there for many years, before he was born. This fact can be substantiated by the evidence of old settlers in the locality, but he ~~has~~ hasn't live on the S. E. 1/4 of Section 34, which is covered by Mr. Mcabee's application. He has sometimes had a small garden on the S. W. 1/4 of 34, as indicated on the sketch, but his ~~now~~ now was all, or probably all, in section 33, which belongs to the Railroad Company. The N. W. 1/4 of Section 34 is the allotment of Dave Herrick, serial number 62017 Elmo 044. Dave Herrick had made his home adjacent to the Jones' camp for a good while and was very near the line, but possibly his house is on his own land.

Mr. Coffeen has now had this application for almost three years and I can hardly believe that he intends to attempt to make final proof on the land, as he has built no fence, he has none

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of the land under cultivation, except a small garden patch that the Indians had formerly used and which he sowed in grain and the rabbits ate it all up as soon as it came through the ground. He has never produced a single thing on the land and the Indians, who live near by and on the only road leading to his house, say that he has never lived there, that they doubted whether he ever slept on the land and they were very positive that his family had never slept there a single night. He is now living and has been living on some land that he purchased, a mile or two north of there.

As to the Indian's allegation that they were driven off of their land, it is not substantiated by the Indian's own statement, at this time. He says, that Mr. Mcabee had told him, he had lived on the land where their garden was; but they say that they were never disturbed in the use of their small meadow, down in Section 33; that they were away from their land, when they were working on the ranges, but that they considered it their home all the time and came back there occasionally. As to Mr. Mcabee having taken their implements, it seems that Jones had left a plow about his place, when he was away for several weeks and when he came back, it was gone. He has no idea who took it; he has never seen it in Mr. Mcabee's possession, nor on his place; and he has no reason whatever to think that Mr. Mcabee took the plow.

The only water there of any consequence is down on Section 33, where there is sufficient to make a few tons of hay and I believe if it was handled properly, it could be carried out onto the sage

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bunch ground and a small garden made. I explained to the Indian how I thought he could increase the efficiency of that water.

I hardly think, we have ground to contest the claim of Mr. McIbee, as the Indians were not living on his land, though they had had a small garden there some years ago. Tim Jones has recently built a new house, which, as indicated, is on the McIbee land, but this house has been built within the past few months. I visited this land a year or a year and a half ago, there was no house at that place, at that time, nor had there ever been, nor had the Indians claimed to us they had ever lived there. In the event, that Mr. McIbee is willing to relinquish this land, it might be advisable to have the Indian file his application on it, as they consider it their home and it would protect the pasture for their stock and give them back their little garden patch. I wrote to Mr. McIbee, at the time I made this examination, but so far have not heard from him.

If the Act of March 4, 1912 applied to Nevada land, I would recommend that this matter be taken up with the Railroad Company, with a view to getting this land for this family, but suppose there is no such law applying to Nevada land.

I would recommend, however, that the necessary notation be made on the land office records, that will result in the abstention of the Indian Office being called to any application for first proof, that may be made on this land, in order that we may make a further inquiry at that time and possibly protect further the interests of this Indian.

Mr. Tim Jones  
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Personally, I don't believe that Mr. HoAbeo will ever  
attempt to make final proof and had I been able to see him,  
I might have secured his relinquishment.

Very Respectfully,

Special Indian Agent.

Old buildings

Building	Address	Value \$	Comments
1	123 Main Street	1000	Small building
2	456 Elm Street	2000	Medium building
3	789 Oak Street	3000	Large building
4	1234 Pine Street	4000	Very large building
5	1235 Cedar Street	5000	Extremely large building
6	1236 Birch Street	6000	Massive building
7	1237 Spruce Street	7000	Enormous building
8	1238 Willow Street	8000	Huge building
9	1239 Maple Street	9000	Colossal building
10	12345 Elm Street	10000	Monolithic building
11	123456 Elm Street	11000	Colossal building
12	1234567 Elm Street	12000	Massive building
13	12345678 Elm Street	13000	Huge building
14	123456789 Elm Street	14000	Colossal building
15	1234567890 Elm Street	15000	Monolithic building
16	12345678901 Elm Street	16000	Colossal building
17	123456789012 Elm Street	17000	Massive building
18	1234567890123 Elm Street	18000	Huge building
19	12345678901234 Elm Street	19000	Colossal building
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BENNO, NEVADA,

Nov. 8, 1915.

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J. V. M. Jones,  
c/o Geo. Hammond,  
Wolfe, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of October 22, in reference to some trouble about your land. As I explained to you before and as I think I wrote you at one time, the land where you built your house was filed on by Mr. Mcabee and at the time I saw up there his application was still in effect and I believe that he expressed the intention at that time of completing his proof on that land. The land just below your house, where the meadow and where trout spring is, is railroad land and you have just as much right to it as anyone else, unless they have secured a lease from the railroad company. Just across the fence from your house, to the North, is the corner of the allotment made to Dave Herrick on which Mr. Mcabee has no right and which you might be able to occupy, if satisfactory with Herrick. The records show that Mr. Mcabee filed on that land before you attempted to file or is, though you probably had formerly some claim on the land. If Mr. Mcabee is now attempting to make his final proof, it is your right, as it would be the right of any one, to go to the land office and testify as to his use of the land and such testimony would be given

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consideration in the land office and if he has not complied with the law in reference to living on the land, or having a certain portion of it improved, his application might not be approved.

I corresponded with the railroad company regarding the purchase for you of the land where the meadow is, but we have no funds available for the purchase of the land. It is not practicable for me to come up there at this time, as I have much other work pressing for immediate attention. I hope that you will not have any trouble with Mr. Mcabee and I can hardly believe that he would do you any injury, if you conduct yourself properly. If those corner stakes that you showed me there are right, then you are just on the corner of the land that he applied for, though no use was being made of it at the time I was there. I will write to Mr. Mcabee by this same mail and trust that the matter can be settled without any difficulty.

Very respectfully,

Special Indian Agent.

**WES. JOHNSON COMPANY**  
INCORPORATED  
**GENERAL MERCHANDISE**

MONTELLO, NEVADA

March 16th, 1933.

Indian Agent,  
Reno, Nev.

Dear Sir:

George Moore, an Indian from City of Deeth, has asked me to write you in his behalf, soliciting a little aid.

He tells me that he wrote you some time past, and that you advised him that if he would return to Wells or Deeth that you would allow him a small amount monthly.

This man seems to be a very good Indian, he has been living here all winter, has a wife and one child and has had a hard time making end meet, in fact had it not been for the help given him he would not have made it.

His boy is attending the Public Schools here, and the father says he dislikes very much to move from here at least until the end of the school year, and has asked us to write you asking if you could not help him as you do Thirty Mile Charley, that is allowing him to receive a certain amount of food stuff from this concern monthly, we mailing our bill to The Carson Indian School monthly for payment.

This man has worked whenever he has been able to get work and we feel is really entitled to a little help, but things everywhere are pretty quiet and a job is hard to find.

Yours truly,

Wes. Johnson Company,

*E. R. Cave* Mgr.

*Thank You Indians New Mexico Dept. WPA*

Careon Indian School,  
Stewart, Nevada.

March 23, 1938.

Mr. A. R. Cave,  
Manager Ned. Johnson Company,  
Montello, Nevada.

Dear Mr. Cave:

I have your letter of March 16th, requesting aid  
for George Moore, an Indian who formerly lived at Wells and Ruby  
Valley.

Our funds for aid of Indians are practically  
exhausted, but we have some Red Cross flour that we could supply  
this man if he were at Wells, where our field matron has other  
Indians whom she visits.

Now that spring is here, George can undoubtedly  
find some work to do. He is not an old man and his great failing  
heretofore has been his fondness for drink.

In a general way we feel that Indians who go to live  
at distant points should become a part of the communities where they  
live and should be treated the same as other indigents in the counties,  
and this view is taken by the Comptroller General of the United States  
who has ruled that we cannot expend government funds for the class of  
Indians known as "non-wards."

Very sincerely yours,

Frederic Snyder,  
Superintendent.

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STATE OF UTAH  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
SALT LAKE CITY

HENRY H. BLOOD  
GOVERNOR

November 7, 1940

N. L. WILSON  
DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR

Mr. Elmer L. Brattin  
FBI Agent  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Gros Ventre Sub-District  
Tetlin, Alaska

My dear Mr. Brattin:

During my absence from the office on November 5, 1940, Mr. Elmer L. Brattin and Miss Agnes and Mrs. J. Robertson, both of Tetlin, Alaska, called with reference to a resolution adopted in a meeting in Tetlin, October 27, 1940. They also had copies of documents from several tribes of people not friendly which they said had been signed in 1938 at Fort Defiance, "Qualita", Okan, and Lucy Valley, Nevada, the terms of which they asserted had not been fulfilled by the United States government.

The meeting held at Wells, October 17, adopted a resolution pledging loyalty to the United States in case their nation were attacked but opposing any plan to involve this nation in a war in Europe.

Their visit to this office was to request that I should assist in bringing to the attention of the proper authorities the view taken by the delegates relative to the treaties. They left the office before decision was made as to proper procedure. Inquiry at the Salt Lake office of the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs brought the suggestion that this matter should be called to your attention and the thought was that it might be transmitted to the Commission of Indian Affairs through you. Hence, I am addressing this communication to you in order that you may make proper disposition of this subject.

The resolution adopted at Tetlin appeared in the minds of the members of the delegation to have some bearing on the enforcement of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, and I am not certain that the

Mr. Clark L. Draper-Mc

Nov. 7, 1914.

provisions of that law are the roughly summarized by the following the meeting at Wells.

I am enclosing a clipping from the Salt Lake Tribune of November 6, which maintains it was not in the interest of the community if we used the name of "Wells" by our members of the delegation.

Very truly yours,

John C. Munn,  
Chairman of the Delegation.

Given at Salt Lake City,

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Western Shoshone Agency  
Wyohee, Nevada  
December 3, 1918

Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Fred W. Daiker

Sir:

This is in answer to Office letter of November 16 regarding the resolution carried by the members of the north-western band of Shoshone Indians, which was brought to the attention of the Commanding Officer of the Ninth Corps Area at Presidio, California.

The small group of Indians which adopted this resolution are the leaders of the minority group of the Western Shoshone Indians, including the Goshute group. These leaders are Annie's Today of Goshute, Muskrat Daniels of Ruby Valley and Tom Tabowena of the Wells Indian Colony.

The spirit of the resolution in declaring allegiance to the United States Government is very commendable. The promises referred to by the government in 1915 for Indians who served in the first world war is not understood. I doubt very much whether there is any foundation of such promises.

In so far as the Selective Service Act and the registration of Indians from different Western Shoshone bands, there was only one Indian who refused at first to register. After the provisions of the act were explained, this individual registered without further complaint. Inasmuch as our Indians are scattered over such a tremendous area, great care was exercised to see that all eligibles were registered. In spite of all care taken, two Indian boys did not register, not because they refused, but because their whereabouts was not certain. One of them was supposedly somewhere in southern Idaho, the other in south-eastern Nevada or south-western Utah. It is hoped that these two boys registered wherever they may have been on registration day. Generally speaking the attitude was very commendable, in so far as all of our Indians under the jurisdiction of this agency regarding the Selective Service Act. Since registration day three of our Indian boys have enlisted for voluntary service with the Army, and many others are willing to do whenever called upon to do so.

Commissioner

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December 3, 1940

From all available evidence, the action of the above mentioned members of the Shoshone Tribe of Indians, who were instrumental in adopting the resolution was just an indication of their small group, and was certainly not an official act on the part of the regular governing bodies of the different groups.

Respectfully,

Carl W. Beck,  
Superintendent

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