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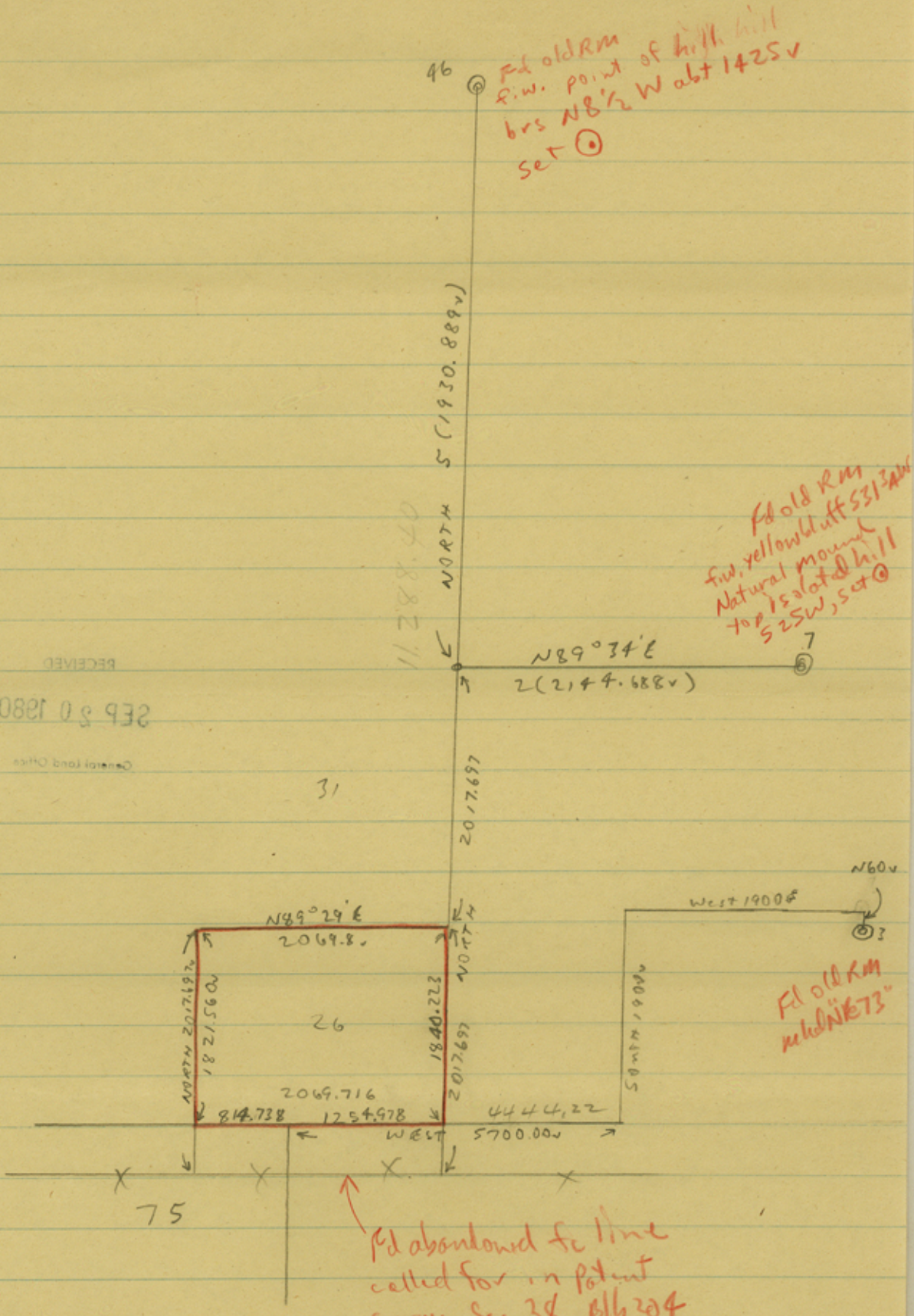

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Dear Mr. McCarty:

I returned to check for more evidence in the location of Section 26, Block 204, T. & St. L. Ry. Co., Presidio County as indicated on a plat by H.R. Gard, done in 1941-1943.

I found and tied the Northeast corner of Section 6, Block 209, as Gard shows. I searched for, but could not find the Southeast corner of Section 34, as Gard shows unless he used the rock mound marked "NE 73". The location of this rock mound seems to fit Gard's calls fairly close but it is marked "NE 73" and does not match S.A. Thompson's bearing calls for this corner at all.

I searched again for the rock mounds called for at the Southeast corner of Sections 2, 10 and 9, Block 204 as called for by Gard, and did not find them. The rock mound at the Southeast corner of Section 2 is called to be at the end of a string of rock mounds on an old abandoned fence line and marked "SE 2". We searched each rock mound in that line near the called location and found no marks. The location of the Southeast corner of Section 10 falls on a steep, rocky slope and the Southeast corner of Section 9 falls in an arroyo subject to periodic flooding.

The rock mound called for by Gard at the Northwest corner of Section 6, Block 204 was not found. There are some fence corners about 1/8 mile north but no rock mounds.

I found and tied the BM called for by Gard as "BM. EL. 4845.", it is stamped with elevation 4854 and has a prominent rock mound about 5 feet East and is on a high hill visible to the South, West and North but not to the East. The USGS topo map of this area shows its elevation to be 4845. I feel that this monument is the one used by Gard in spite of the differences.

I did not find the rock mound at the Northwest corner of Section 6, Block 203.

Calculation of these ties shows the tie between the Northeast corner of Section 6, Block 209 and the Northeast corner of Section 73, Block 14, G.N. & S.A. to match approximately Gard's tie between the Northeast corner of Section 6 and the Southeast corner of Section 34. I believe he used the wrong monument for the Southeast corner of Section 34.

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The patent of Section 38, Block 204 calls for the abandoned fence line above mentioned. If I hold this as the South line of Section 26, it falls inside Block 14, G.H. & S.A. Ry. Co.

Conclusion: Hold the monuments at Northeast corner Sections 6 and 33, Block 204 as original. Hold the monument at Northeast corner of Section 73, Block 14 as original. Hold the abandoned fence line as the North line of Section 38, as patented. Disregard Gard's ties to the BM. Hold Gard's bearings in Block 209 and the Patent bearings in Section 38. These results are shown in the accompanying sketch.

Will you please look this over and let me have your opinion before I continue.

Sincerely,

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SURVEY REPORT

This report covers the survey of Section 26, Block 204, T. & St. L. Ry. Co., Presidio County, Texas about 50 miles S 9° E from Marfa, Texas for Patent.

Field work included a search for original monuments on all the Sections immediately surrounding said Section 26, specifically the corners called for in the Patent survey of Section 36, Block 203 (which called for excess but did not call for monuments) and the monuments called for in the Patent surveys of Sections 25, 38, 27, 29 and the field notes of the survey of Section 24, said Block 204 by H.R. Gard. Also included was a search for original monuments in sections at the North end of Block 14, G.H. & S.A. Ry. Co. and in the middle and South area of Block 209, T. & St. L. Ry. Co. which has the only calls for monuments with bearing calls.

This search in the field resulted in the location of the original common corner of Sections 27, 28, 33 and 34, Block 209, T. & St. L. Ry. Co., identifiable by the age of the monument and its bearing calls. Also found was the Northeast corner of Section 73, said Block 14, identifiable by its age and markings. The other monuments found after an exhaustive search on the ground were a rock mound not fitting any described corner and an old abandoned fence line identifiable by a string of rock mounds that were used to hold up the fence posts and a few remaining fence posts.

Conclusions are as follows:

In the high mountain area of said Block 209, S.A. Thompson gave no bearing calls and no monuments were found even after an exhaustive search. In the valley in the middle South area of said Block 209, S.A. Thompson gave bearing calls. Ground survey verified identifiable bearing calls and resulted in an original monument. My conclusion is that Thompson either set temporary monuments or none at all in the high mountain area.

Field work in Blocks 203 and 204, also Thompson surveys, had the same results and I draw the same conclusion. Since no monuments were found to identify the Patent surveys of other sections in said Block 204 nor the survey of Section 24, said Block 204 by H.R. Gard, I draw the same conclusion.

There is an abandoned fence line called for in the Patent survey of Section 38, said Block 204 but the abandoned fence line found on the ground did not fit with the other identifiable original monuments. It fits closer to the North line of Sections 75 and 76, said Block 14. I conclude that this old fence line has no relation to the location of said Section 26.

The description of said Section 38 does not call for Section 26 in the Patent survey.

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I therefore concluded that the re-location of said Section 26 must come from bearing and distance calls made by the original surveyor, S.A. Thompson from the original Thompson monument at the common corner of Sections 27, 28, 33 and 34, said Block 209. Extending out by bearing and distance calls from the original Northeast corner of Section 73, said Block 14 verifies that said Block 14 does not overlap into said Section 26.

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