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HON. J.EARL RUDDER, COMMISSIONER GENERAL LAND OFFICE AUSTIN, TEXAS

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Dear Mr. Rudder:

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The enclosed sketch is submitted to further aid in establishing the true location of Surveys in Block 341, T.C.Ryn Co. In Brewster and Presidio Counties.

The Working Sketch in the hands of Mr. Nick M. Thee supplied by GLO several weeks ago indicates that there may be a 950 vara vacancy between Surveys 35 and 36, Block 341. This being the case, the spring and improvements generally considered to be in the SE corner of Sur.32 would be actually in Sur. 33 and the farm and improvements commonly known to be in Sur. 28 would automatically be transposed to a position one-half mile away.

It is an established fact that Lajitas lies on the East line of Survey 36 on the bank of the Rio Grande and in building up the Rio Grande in sections one-half wide we arrive at the Spring in the SE corner of Sur.32 and continue on and find that the Fresno Farm and improvements and Fresno Creek fall in Survey 28.

My sketch submitted Feb. 18, showing triangulated traverse with ties places Sur. 36 South of the NW corner Sur. 53, Blk. G-12, and NE 103, Blk.341, and Sur. 34, Blk. 341 South of the NE corner 164,Blk. 3412 and the SW 53, Blk. G-12, whereas the GLO Sketch shows Survey 35, Blk. 341 to be South of the NE corner Sur. 104.

In plotting Mr. Dod's notes from the SE Cor. Sur. 36 we actually arrive at the Spring two miles West. And in plotting the GLO notes from the Spring up river we arrive at the East line of Survey 28 in two miles West. Inplotting down-river from the Spring there appears to be a missing course of about 200 varas, still we are close enough to determine that we should arrive at the SW corner Sur. 35.

In my opinion, there is no vacancy between the West line of Sur.29 and the East line of Sur.36, and that any discrepancy in past surveys affects surveys to the North and West of these River Sections.

During my long association with Mr. H.R.Gard he never mentioned any discrepancies in this area where he has done considerable work in years gone by. I have had occasion to consult with him on Surveys in that portion of Block 341 since 1946.

My sole purpose in going to this extent to prove something is to find the answer now before developments progress too far. In the event that I am correct in my construction I can warn various prospectors that they have staked claims on the wrong property before they have same surveyed.

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Mineral Applications have been filed on Surveys 32, 30, 28 and others based on corners established in compliance with the GLO working Sketch. Roads have been dozed into these areas as well as in Sur. 110, which will be extensively diminished in the event my construction is correct.

Armed with a sketch of what I have found in connection with the above I shall take off on my own time next week and fish a few days in the area involved and hunt rock mounds and cottonwood trees. For the past three months I have tried to convince my employers that some land surveying must be done in Blocks G-12, G-5 and 341, where we do not have Dod's corners for control every mile or so. They paid for my time on the traverse, but I desire to search for old corners and monuments at leisure.

Mr. Thee and I have been unable to meet and work together on this deal. He is on the river when ISm in town and vice versa.

I realize that the Land Office is a very busy place, but in the interest of all concerned, and to avoid possible disagreeable incidents later I request that you give this matter your prompt attention.

Will keep you informed of any additional evidence which I may uncover. I have been told of additional corners to the North, and will look them over and tie in to anything which may be of value.

Yours truly, J. J. Camey, J. -

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