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Hon. J.T. Robison,  
Commsr Gen. Land Office,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir,-

Here are the Field Notes and sketch for 30 sections of land in Blocks 36 and 37 Tsp No. 5 South T. & P. in Northern part of Upton and Reagan Counties.

In 1909 I made a survey in this vicinity and embraced some excess in the lower 12 sections of Block 37, but I now find that these 12 sections has barely their compliment of land.

In 1909 I found the original S.W. cor of Block 37 Tsp 5 South and also the West line of the Block and from the S.W. cor so found I ran a line Easterly over what I thought to be the Southern reservation as the line was plainly marked every mile and half mile up to the S.E. cor of the Block, then I ran Northerly along the East line of Blk. 37 and found the original marking as described in the field notes, but now at the S.E. cor of Blk. 37 I find another corner 98 vrs North and 84 vrs East that fits the description in the field notes exactly and from this cor East I fit the calls in the field notes up to and beyond the S.E. cor of Block 36. So it is a fact that there were two line placed on the ground originally, both plainly marked, and to differentiate between the two requires some study.

I decided that the corners which are described in the original field notes must be taken, although they might throw the work somewhat out of line.

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Now at the S.E. cor of Block 36 running North on its West line at 2 miles I find an original corner which is 84 vrs West of a true line from the S.E. cor of the Block, hence I swing my line over to this corner giving it a course of N 16° 23' W. and a distance of 3731 vrs. and continuing North on a course of N. 15° 02' W to fit the old marks which are the same as found by me in 1909, so after I ~~get~~ leave the two mile corner on the Block line there going north there are no change in the size or configuration of the sections in Block 37, but are left the same as I reported in my returns in 1909. only the lower two tiers suffer a change and it is merely a coincidence that there happens to be exactly 12 sections of land.

What I gather from the old field book of Mr Powell (one of the original surveyors) is that he ran the East line of Block 36 coming down from the North and when he got to the S.W. cor of the Block he here built a corner and made bearings, he then turned East and ran six miles, placing corners and taking bearing and when he got to the S.W. cor of Block 35 Tsp 5. South, he says that he struck 45 vrs West and 43 vrs South of the Blk. corner.

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So evidently the corner that Mr Powell made for the S.E. cor of Block 36 was abandoned, and a corrected line placed for the South line of Block 36, So his S.W. cor of this Block that was placed on his run South on the West line of the Block was corrected and took a position 98 vrs North and 84 vrs East. his East line however was never corrected, another thing, when the South line of Block 36 was corrected the surveyor went on West along the South line of Block 37 for three or four miles and built corners and made bearings that are incorporated in the original field notes. but when the run was made to establish the South line of Block 37 and 38, the surveyor evidently started or connected to Mr Powells lower corner instead of the corrected corner, because I find the marked line along the South of Block 38 when produced East will strike the corner placed by Mr Powell for the S.W. cor of Blk.36. which is shown by dotted line on sketch.

There were on evidences of corners found along the West line of Block 35 until we reach a point 5 miles North of its S.W. cor here we find a well marked corner with a bearing called for, Each mile south will take about 40 vrs excess. Running on North to the N.W. cor of Block 35 I find old rock mounds at each mile and half mile with very little excess, at the N.W. cor of section 6 Blk.35 Tsp 5 South I find an old rock mound with one bearing that fits exactly.

There is some doubt and uncertainty as to the location of the South line of Blocks 36 and 35. One survey has placed the South line of Block 35 about 120 vrs North from where the old marks show it to be,

This survey, which I traced was run down from the North over the old marks found along the Northern part of Block 35, and the excess allowed that was found in the first three miles, and they did not take into account the 40 vrs excess in the last five miles to reach the Reservation, hence they placed the line 120 vrs too far North.

I believe I have made a fair, though not a perfect interpretation of what the original surveyors did according to the record. I know that I used plenty of time made a careful examination, and think I have lit on most of the main facts, though some of my deductions may not be supported by the facts- and if any doubt issues about the discoveries I have made touching the lines and corners here reported on, and if it is at variance with the work of any surveyor who has filed sketches or data in the Land Office in recent years, I would be mighty glad to be made acquainted with the facts and what they found.

Very Truly Yours

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Sketch File No. 7

Reagan County  
Estes Statement

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Descriptive:

See File No. 8 for sketch

I believe I have made a fair, though not a perfect interpretation of what the original surveyors did according to the record. I know that I used plenty of time made a careful examination and think I have accounted for the 40 acre excess in the first five miles to reach the Reserve-  
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