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Hon. J.H. Walker,  
Commsr Gen Land Office,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are Corrected field notes together with map of 4 sections of school land in T.&P. Block 35 Tsp No. 5 South Reagan and Glasscock counties.

The owner of this land has negotiated a loan through Bankers Life, Dallas, Mr. Dabney representative, and patent of the land is a requirement, and I have been urged to do what I could to expedite the matter.

In May 1928 I located the West line of Block 35 Tsp No. 5. South and found the S.W. and N.W. corners of the Block as placed by the original surveyors. In March 1927 Mr W.F. Kellis did some surveying in this same Block, and I see from his sketch that he also found the N.W. cor of the Block, which is the same as I found, but on the East line of the Block at the N.E. cor of section 25 I see that he only reports an old rock mound, I find at the N.E. cor of section 25 an old rock mound in good preservation with bearing on dead mesquite of N. 30 E. 19.5 vrs the original bearing was N. 30 E. 18 vrs, this, I am sure is the original corner, the distance across the Block West is found to 1897.5 vrs to the mile, Mr Kellis on the other hand found about 25 vrs excess. Going South from this old corner I find the Miles and half miles marked as shown on sketch which further identifies the East line of Block 35. I dont believe Mr Kellis found this corner, because if he did he would have to run a crooked line. I find the set stone as placed by him at the N.W. cor of section 26, and the intervening distance between this and the N.E. cor of section 25 is 35 vrs short of two miles.

Mr Kellis makes a note on his sketch that indicates that he found the variation on the East line of this Block to vary from 13 to 14 degrees or one degree difference in variation at different points along the line. He also states there is magnetic disturbance on East line.

The East-West distance in the sections that I return field notes for is so close to even miles that I have made common corners for the R.R. and school sections.

I find the Original Cor at the N.W. of sec. 19 as Mr K. found it. but from there on south to the S.W cor of the Block I find no intermediate corners that I could call original. so I prorated the excess, which I found to be 40 vrs to the mile.

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Which is the same as I reported in May 1928. I also find the original corner at the N.W. of section 5. in the same place that Mr.K finds it. also the 1/2 mile cor on the North of section 6.

6. The N.E. cor of Block 35 Tsp No.5 South is somewhat uncertain and will either have to be placed by intersection of the East line with the North line of the Block. or establish it from the lines of Block 34 tsp No.4 South. certain it is that running from the S.E. cor of Blk.34 Tsp No.4 South West to its S.W. cor you will run over on the N.E. cor of Blk.35 T 5 S. about 90 vrs. Also an intersection of the East and North line of Blk.35. 5.S. will place you not many varas from the same point. Either method will throw a shortage in the North line of the Block of about 60 varas.

I am unable to figure out just how Mr K. established this corner. His sketch shows that he made a corner and describes it

He evidently was not sure that he had found a single original corner along the East of Block 35, as he calls for a few old rock mounds some in and some out of position but he does not stamp any of them as "original"

I am not trying to overthrow his work, but making a comparison of what he and I have done, and what we find, which might help your department in getting at the truth, or rather the proper solution of the matter.

Very Truly Yours.

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Sketch File No. 14

Reagan & Glasscock County

Extra Explanation

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For Sketch see File 13

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the original corner of the N.W. of section 8. in the same place  
that Mr. K. finds it. also the 1/2 mile cor. on the south of section 8.  
The N.W. cor of Block 28 the N. 1/2 cor. is somewhat northeast  
and will either have to be placed by intersection of the west line  
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