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To the Commissioner of the General Land Office,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have been making a resurvey of certain lands in Webb County some 50 miles northeast of Laredo, being of a correction nature, as we have had occasion to make a complete survey of the Las Pintas grant, which has had its four stone corners established and recognized since 1873 or before, and its northwest corner, tied to the Southeast corner of Nueces river Survey No. 261, at the old Fort Ewell crossing, which we have re-run and show the true connection, which differs only in bearing and in distance 15.5 varas, which establishes this corner as being correct on the ground. The witness called for being a mesquite tree is now gone, however in its calls along its west line it calls for the Nido Water Hole, which is crossed by our line just as it is called for in the field notes by the original surveyor; this beyond a doubt places the west line on the ground as it was originally surveyed, however it allows for an excess in distance of 263 varas, which would affect the surveys tied to the west line of the grant, and of which I have made corrected field notes and show in our sketch to conform and clear of conflict and also of excess acreage, which the owners are applying for.

In order to be certain as to the location of the river crossing at Fort Ewell, being southeast corner of said Survey 261, Mr. Albert Urbahn, who has known such crossing since 1876 and who for many years owned the J.W. Peacock Survey 575 on which Fort Ewell is situated, and thousands of acres of land adjacent thereto, and Mr. W. A. Kerr of Cotulla, who lived at Fort Ewell in 1883 and has lived in La Salle County most of the time since then and who is now District Clerk of La Salle County, each went on the ground and definitely located the crossing as being at a "U" bend in the Nueces River, which bend has a width of some 60 varas. I then ran out on the ground from the south corner of such Survey 575 the meanders of the <sup>old</sup> Laredo-San Antonio road, which forms a boundary line of such survey, up to the northeast corner of such survey which placed such corner approximately in the middle of such "U" bend as identified by Messrs. Urbahn and Kerr.

I found in the Pintas Grant an excess of 1109 acres, which is within the four corners of the grant, and also bounded by the original boundaries of those sections which are adjacent to the four boundaries of the grant, and which have their common corners on these four boundary lines. The only difference I found in the survey of the grant, was that it called to be 5000 varas distant from the center of the Pintas Water Hole, which is a part of the Pintas creek and from which the four quarter divisions of this grant are divided from and fenced separately as noted in our map of the same.

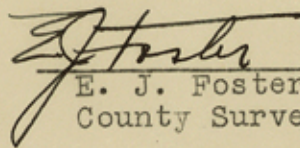
I have known the four corners of the Pintas grant and its boundaries since 1906, J. D. Martines who resurveyed the grant in 1871 also surveyed Pre-Emp. 46-47, for Muguerza, Jarvis surveyed sections adjacent and near the grant in 1876, Petersone in 1875, later in 1883 Jarvis located other surveys adjacent to the grant. The surveys to the east and south of the Grant are also tied to it as we note them, and being owned by the property owners who also have an interest in the grant, such as the Callaghan Ranch, Roy Lowe, and W. R. Nicholson have all of these surveys under fence and their original corners on the outside boundaries of these sections the original stones are still in evidence. The Pintas water hole covers an area of about 260 varas in diameter east and west, and this may at the time of the survey have been full of water and as it is quite deep, it may be that the surveyor Martinez, started from the east edge of the same, and just estimated its center, which would account for the excess in distance east and west of the grant, and the balance of the excess was in the chaining of the outer boundaries, which we have usually found in a resurvey of any old grant to always have more distance than it called for.

The surveys west of the Grant and northwest of the north line, are the property of the Callaghan Ranch, we have tendered corrections for those which had to take in account the 263 varas excess in the west line of the grant, and of those stones found on the ground, which caused some difference in course and also in many instances in distance of their boundaries, we have corrected them and are herein enclosing their field notes that the owners may apply for the excess therein.

- Some of these sections were located from the southwest corner of the grant, others from its northwest corner, and as the west line of the grant only called for 10,000 varas in distance and it has 10,263 varas, this caused some confusion which we are now in our resurvey clearing and correcting for the future.

The Callaghan sections along the north line of the Grant will be corrected in the early future, as these also show some excess in acreage.

Respectfully submitted,



E. J. Foster,  
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Texas.

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Surveyor's Report.

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Surveyor's Report Accompanying  
Corrected Field Notes to the  
Las Pintas Grant

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