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Honorable Joseph L. Donovan  
Secretary of State  
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St. Paul, Minnesota

SECRETARY OF STATE

Dear Mr. Secretary:

A land identification problem exists in the Superior National Forest in Section 2, Township 63 North, Range 14 West, St. Louis County, Minnesota. It involves a tract of land which we consider as erroneously omitted from the original Government survey. Title to this land is uncertain because it cannot be described by reference to the original survey plat on which the area in question is shown as open water of Cummings Lake.

The enclosed sketch illustrates the problem. It shows Section 2 as it appears on the 1956 edition of the U. S. Geological Survey Crab Lake quadrangle map and has the record meander line of the original Government survey superimposed for comparison purposes. The existing land area of about 100 acres within this record meander line is the land in question. It is contended that this land is public domain land of the United States and is subject to survey and administration as such.

We plan to submit an application to the U. S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, for an extension survey to include this land. The procedure for making application for such surveys is set forth in Federal Regulations 43 CFR 280.5 to 280.10. Part 280.6 of these regulations requires that applications include proof that notice of intention to apply for such surveys has been served on adjacent land owners, and the Attorney General and the Secretary of State for the State in which the land is located, at least 30 days in advance of the date of the application.

The purpose of this letter is to serve as our notice to you of intent to apply for a survey as required by CFR 280.6. A similar letter is being mailed to the Attorney General of Minnesota. If you have reason to object to this proposed survey, you should file your objection with Mr. Karl E. Landstrom, Director, Bureau of Land Management, U. S. Department of Interior, Washington 25, D. C.



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In this instance there are no adjacent landowners of record other than the U. S. Government and the State of Minnesota. An official determination of the boundaries and title to this land will be of interest to both. Accordingly, we will appreciate receiving your acknowledgement of receipt of this letter so that we can complete the application for survey.

If there is additional information you wish concerning this matter, we will be pleased to send it to you.

Sincerely yours,

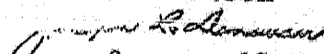
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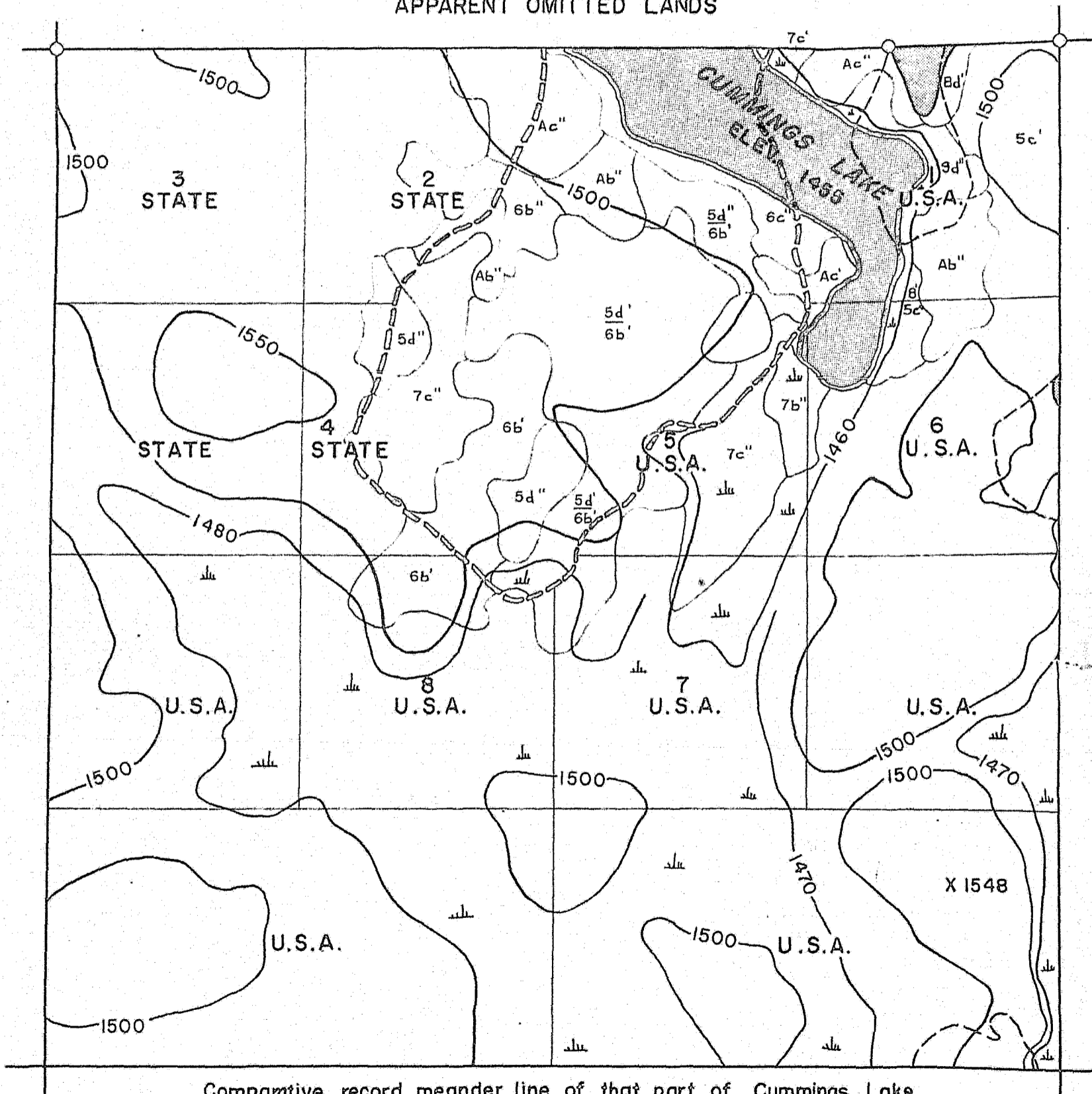
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

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SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST  
 Section 2, T.63N., R.14W. 4th P.M.  
 ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
 APPARENT OMITTED LANDS



Comparative record meander line of that part of Cummings Lake within section 2 and the actual shore line from 1956 U.S. Geological Survey topographic map.

LEGEND  
 Scale 1 inch = 10 chains  
 Record meander line  
 Actual shore line (1954 photos)  
 Contours from U.S.G.S. quadrangle sheet (1956)  
 Recovered corners (1961)  
 Swamp  
 Timber types

OWNERSHIP STATUS

1961 OWNER	OWNERSHIP STATUS	PURCHASE DATE
Lot 1 - U.S.A.	by purchase	1936
Lot 2 - State of Minnesota	by lieu selection	
Lot 3 - State of Minnesota	by lieu selection	
Lot 4 - State of Minnesota	by lieu selection	
Lot 5 - U.S.A.	by purchase	1940
Lot 6 - U.S.A.	by purchase	1936
Lot 7 - U.S.A.	by purchase	1940
Lot 8 - U.S.A.	by purchase	1940
SW 1/4 NW 1/4 - State of Minnesota	by lieu selection	
NW 1/4 SW 1/4 - U.S.A.	public domain	Superior National Forest
SW 1/4 SW 1/4 - U.S.A.	public domain	Superior National Forest
SE 1/4 SW 1/4 - U.S.A.	by purchase	1936
S 1/2 SE 1/4 - U.S.A.	by purchase	1941
NE 1/4 SE 1/4 - U.S.A.	by purchase	1936

TIMBER COVER

COVER TYPES	STANDARD SIZE CLASS	DENSITY CLASSIFICATION
A Aspen - paper birch	b Saplings	' Poor
5 Jack pine	c Poles	" Medium
6 Spruce - fir	d Small sawtimber	''' Good
7 Black spruce		
8 Red pine		
9 White pine		

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