

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST

Cass Lake, Minnesota 56633

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May 19, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

A land identification problem exists in the Chippewa National Forest in Section 3, Township 58 North, Range 25 West, Itasca 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 Moon Lake.

The enclosed sketch illustrates the problem. It shows Section 3 as it appears on 1947 aerial photography and has the record meander line of the original Government survey superimposed for comparison purposes. The existing land area of about 39 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 landowners, 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



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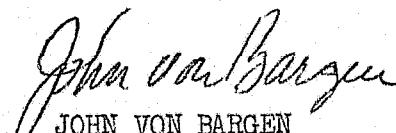
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Mr. Karl E. Landstrom, Director, Bureau of Land Management,
U. S. Department of Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

Adjacent land owners of record other than the U. S. Government have been notified. An official determination of the boundaries and title to this land will be of interest to all parties. Accordingly, we will appreciate receiving your acknowledgment of receipt of this letter so that we can complete the application for survey.

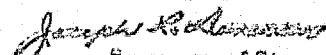
If there is additional information you wish concerning this matter, we will be pleased to send it to you.

Sincerely yours,


JOHN VON BARGEN
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

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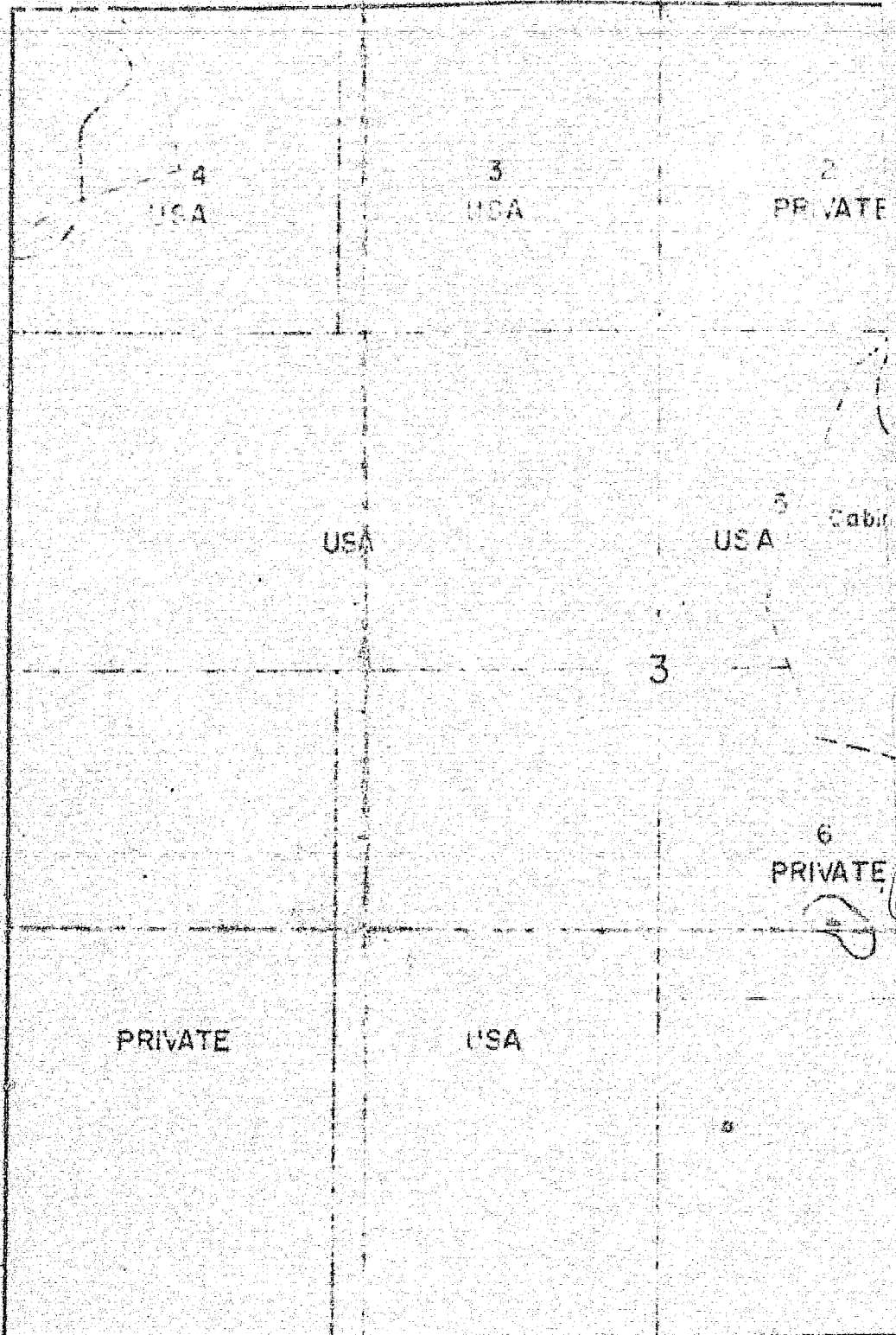

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Section 3, 1

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APPARENT



Composite of Record Meander Line
Actual Shore Line Location From 1959

LEGEND
 Scale 1 inch = 10
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 ~~~~~ Actual Sh  
 - - - Swamp

1959 OWNER

|            |           |                                     |
|------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Lot 5      | Section 2 | USA                                 |
| Lots 1,2,7 | Section 3 | Northern Acres Co. Minneapolis Minn |
| Lot 5      | Section 3 | USA                                 |
| Lot 6      | Section 3 | Tax Forfeited                       |
| Lot 8      | Section 3 | Faust-Rondeilly Grand Rapids Minn   |

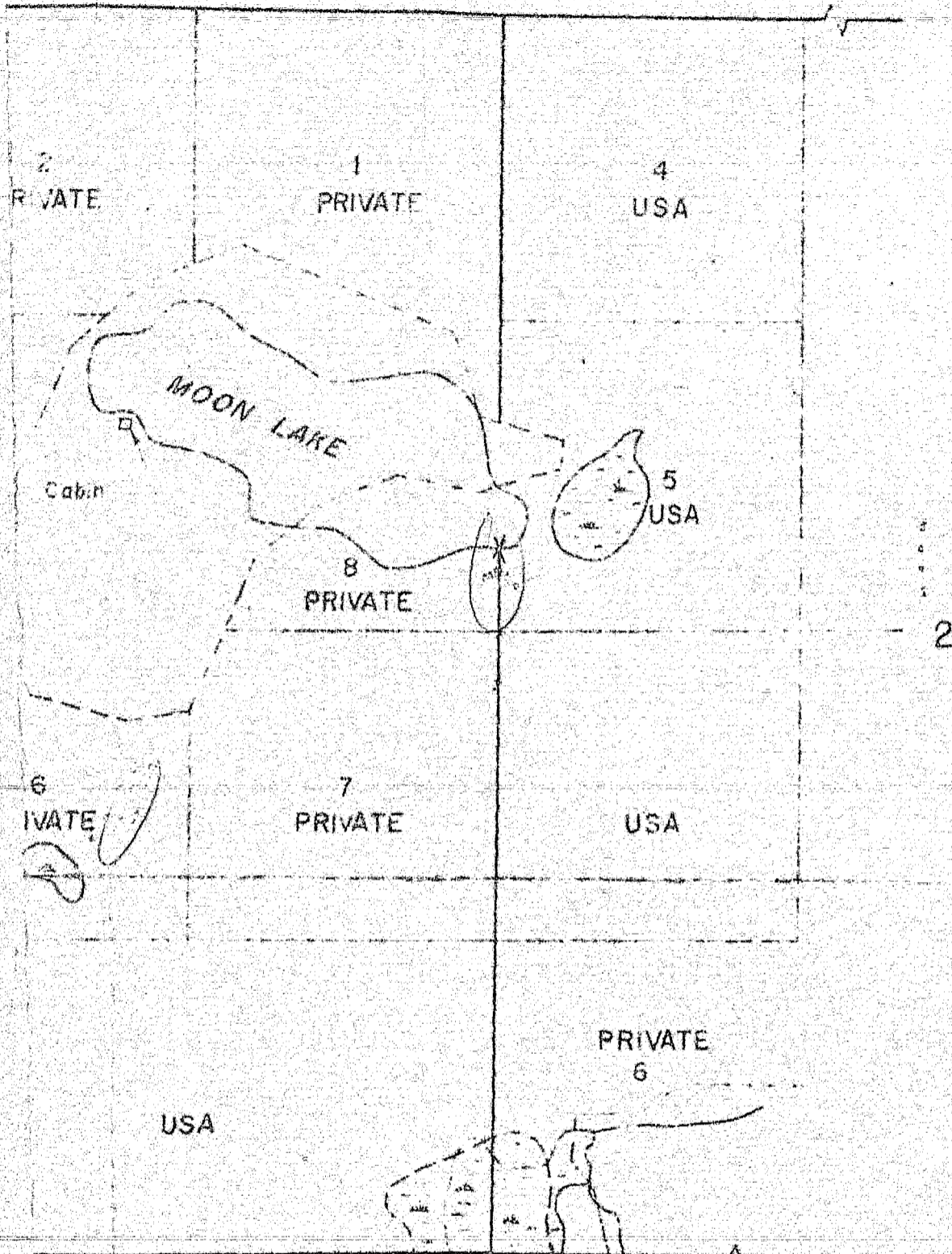
Note The shore line of Moon La  
is distinct and fixed by a  
banks 5 to 15 feet above  
lake.

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Section 3, T.58N R.25W 4th PM

SCA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

PARENT OMITTED LANDS



Line of Moon Lake and the  
from 1947 Aerial Photography

END  
1 inch = 10 Chains  
dashed Meander Line  
solid Shore Line  
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PURCHASE DATE  
1934  
1928-1931  
1934  
1936

Moon Lake in section 3  
is bounded by adjoining sloping  
land above the level of the