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Mr. Hiram M. Dow,
Roswell, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Dow:-

I have just talked to Mr. Francis Wilson of this city regarding the Lea County land I wrote to you about last week. Mr. Wilson is just back from that region and tells me that that section is looking "pretty good". He also advised me not to sell or even lease at the present time.

The thing that concerns me right now is whether my title is perfectly safe. I know that I have not paid any taxes on this 80 acres since my father's death in 1943 because I did not even know of its existence. Can I bother you once more to tell me where and how to make certain of my title? If anything comes of all this, I shall certainly have you do whatever legal work must be done. I am told that my father's will must be probated in New Mexico. Can you give me some idea of what this cost would be? If you think it advisable that I come down to attend to this, I shall do so at once.

I am not building any castles in the air over this, for I have lived with two members of my family who always did. I shall remain skeptical until I see money in the bank. But as I am now alone and entirely dependent on my own earning power, it would be a comfort to have old age taken care of.

If it would facilitate matters for you to obtain this title information by telephone to the county tax office, or whatever needs to be done, please do so and advise me of all costs.

In view of the conversation with Mr. Wilson who is certainly "in the know", I am concerned to see that my title is clear and in good order.

Very truly yours,