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and brother who would have a knowledge of the facts are dead, and it does not appear how it could now be satisfactorily established whether this woman did or did not get her share of the proceeds of the estate, and even if she did not, it does not appear how the purchasers after all these years could properly be dispossessed.

If Lucinda Nicholas has any evidence in support of her claim which would get over the difficulties referred to it will receive every consideration. I note your request that Mr. Janes be instructed to attend the Council Meeting to be held on the first Tuesday in July next and have evidence taken under oath. Unfortunately Mr. Janes has no authority to take evidence under oath except in matters coming within Section 161 of the Indian Act. However, it is thought that it may be satisfactory to you to have Mr. Janes present to discuss the matter with him and to indicate to Mr. Janes what information if any you desire him to obtain. Mr. Janes will be instructed to give you whatever assistance is desired. The Department will be glad to consider any further evidence that you may submit in this matter.

Your obedient servant,

Tom Lewis

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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