99997 1689321 Maninaki July 5 1898 The Decretary Deputy Of Indian affairs His In reply to your letter of July 2nd No 168 534-I beg to state that I knew nothing of mr Lepine going to the Department until I got your letter . But I did Know that "he soutin was going to the Department I gave him no encouragement to go he stated that he would not pay the Value placed upon his land until he would go to the Department and see about at himself If m' Boutin had got his Jease renewed for a further term on the same conditions as here to fore he would not have went to the Department . When he found that his rent was going to be raised he decided to buy and went to the Department to try and get a reduction in the price Me Boulins Condution is such that the sainst buy as he has expended over two thousand dollars on this property

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