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Mr. Click Relander, News Editor
Visalia Times-Delta
Visalia, California

Dear Mr. Relander:

Reference is made to your letter of April 24 requesting information in regard to Indian paintings on the Sequoia National Forest.

The following information has been received from our District Rangers:

There is an old Indian burial ground in the mountains about four miles north of Kernville, but it is not known whether any paintings are there or not. The only local authority known to the District Ranger at Isabella was contacted regarding Indian paintings, and he gave the spot indicated with the red cross in the circle as the only place near there that he knew there were any paintings.

Our District Ranger of the Greenhorn Ranger District is unable to recall any Indian paintings in that vicinity, but suggests that Ardis Walker, Justice of the Peace at Isabella, would be able to tell of any located in that part of the country. He also states that adjacent to the Pettit Ranch there is quite a large boulder area in which can be found many mortar holes which were undoubtedly developed and used by Indians for grinding food.

District Ranger Snider reports that he knows the location of three "Indian Rock Paintings", one in Tulare County within the Tule River Indian Reservation and two in Kern County near the Tulare County line. Two of these paintings are near roads and the other one along a Forest Service trail. The approximate location of all three are shown in red on the attached strip maps.

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The following is the report on Indian paintings on the Hume Lake District: Paintings located as follows:

1. Highway #180, below Dunlap, between Street and Coleman place on rock on south side of road.
2. Kings River near Balch Camp (Sierra National Forest)
3. Near old Bear Creek Ranger Station (Western Divide Ranger District)
4. One and one-half miles below Badger on upper side of Highway #65. Paintings on west face of rock.
5. Giant potholes at Quail Flat near old snow survey cabin.

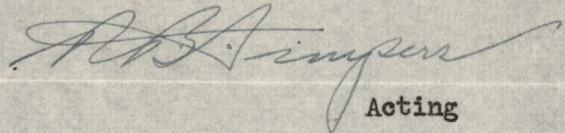
He also suggests that Cecil Pascoe, Roads End, California, be contacted for information regarding a rumor of paintings in the vicinity of Cannell Meadows. It is said to be on a big rock in a brush field west and south of Cannell Meadows.

We trust that some of the information will be of help to you in locating additional Indian paintings. If we may be of further assistance to you, please call upon us.

Very truly yours,

J. E. ELLIOTT, Forest Supervisor

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