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July 12, 1966

REGISTERED MAIL--RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Honorable Joseph L. Donovan
Secretary of State of Minnesota
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Mr. Secretary:

A land identification problem exists in the Superior National Forest in Section 31, Township 62 North, Range 1 East, Cook 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 Monker Lake.

The enclosed sketch illustrates the problem. It shows Section 31 as it appears on the 1960 edition of the U. S. Geological Survey, Grand Marais, Minnesota, and Devil Track Lake, Minnesota, quadrangle maps and has the record meander line of the original Government Survey superimposed for comparison purposes. The existing land area of about 200 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 C.F.R. 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 C.F.R. 280.6. A similar letter is being mailed to the Attorney General of the State of Minnesota and the Commissioner of Conservation, Minnesota. If you have reason to object to this proposed survey, you should file your objection with Charles H. Stoddard, Director, Bureau of Land Management, U. S. Department of Interior, Washington, D. C. 20240.



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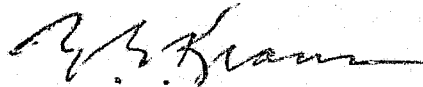
In this instance there are no adjacent landowners of record other than the United States Government and the State of Minnesota. An official determination of the boundaries and title to this land will be of interest to both. Accordingly, we shall appreciate receiving your acknowledgment of receipt of 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 O. WERNHAM
Forest Supervisor

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Enclosure

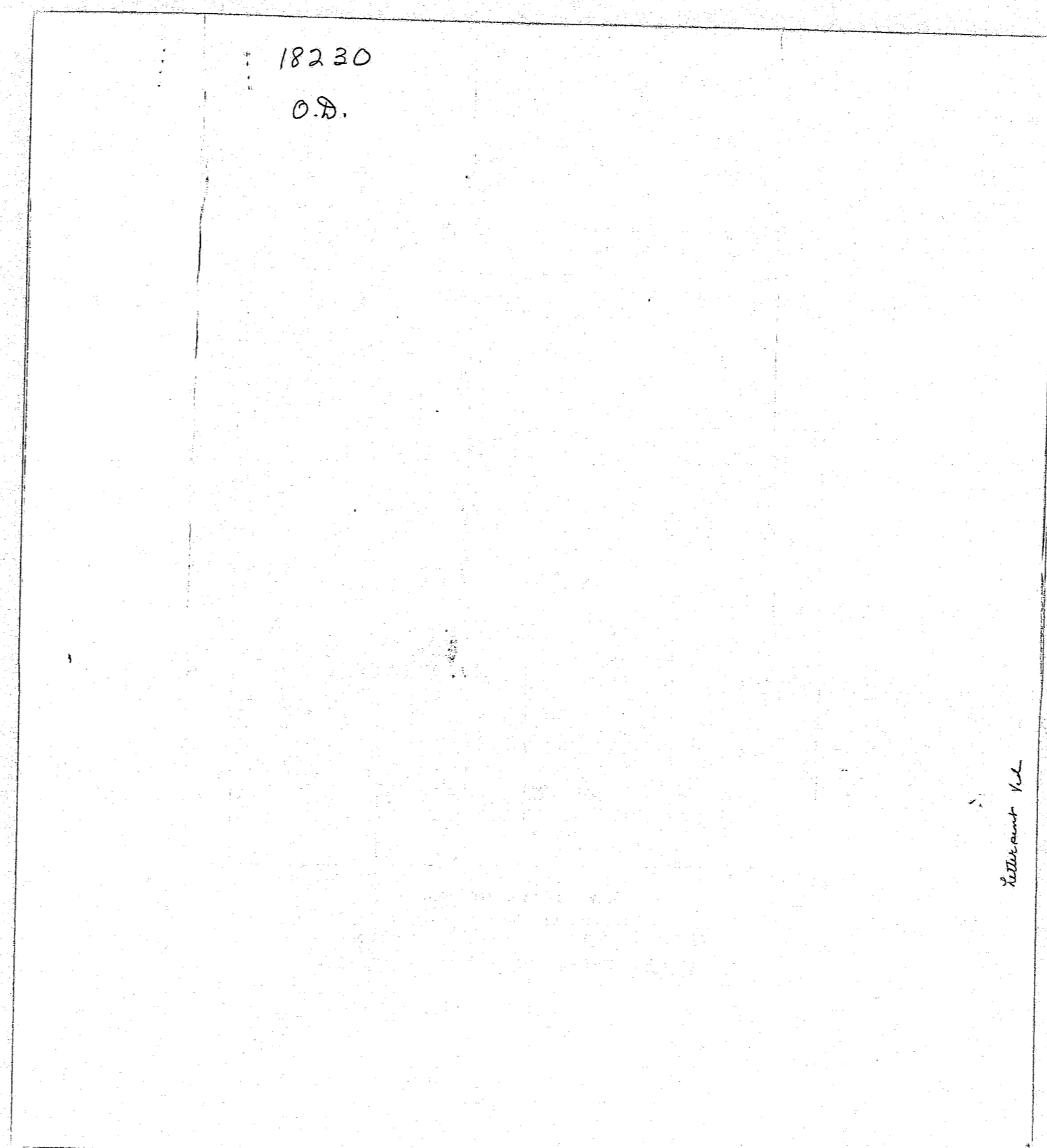
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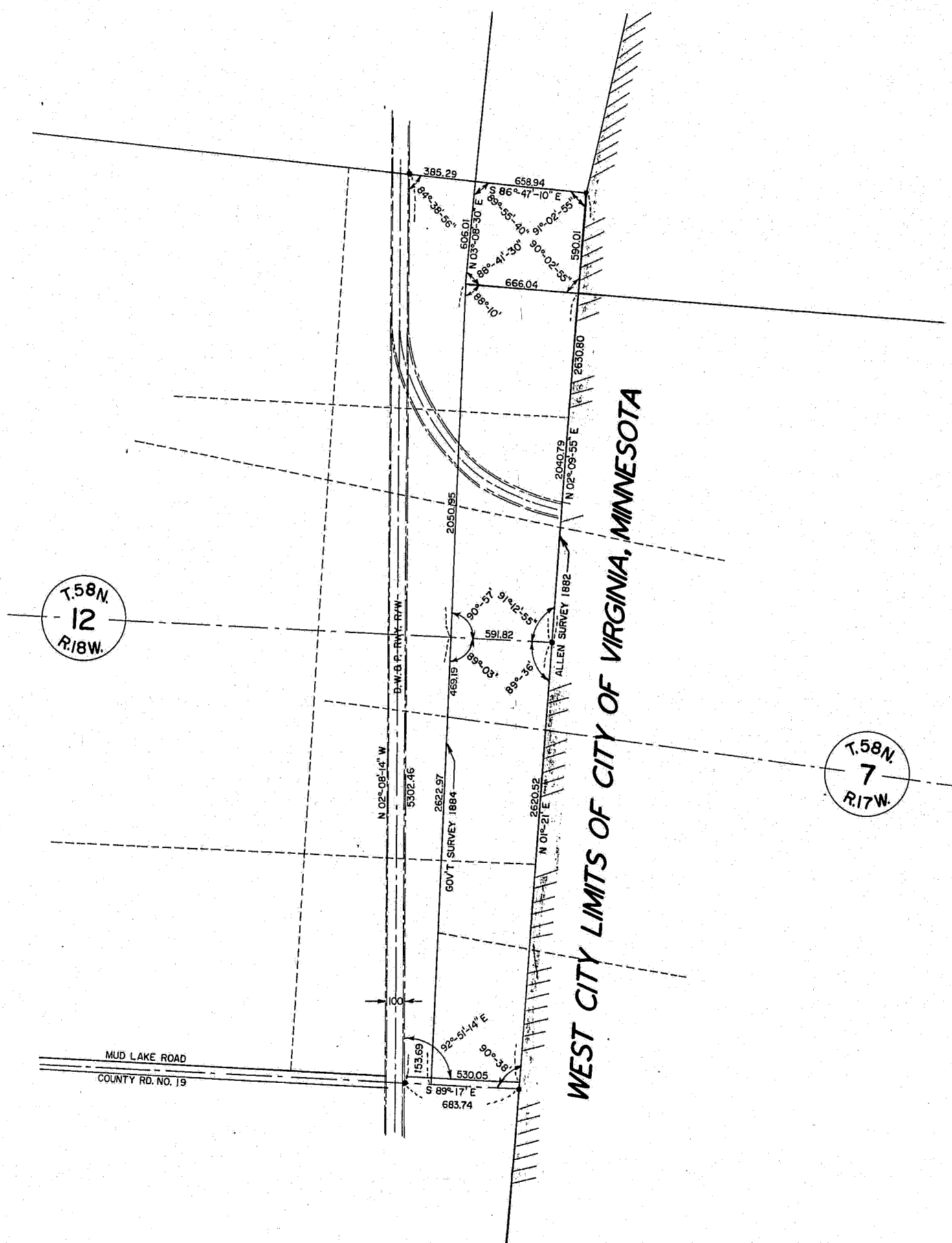
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