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UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The sale is authorized of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, T. 21 N., R. 7 E., S.B.M., containing 40 acres in Inyo County, to Carl M. Robison at the appraised cash price of \$400, subject to all statutory reservations including minerals, upon the listing (conveyance) of said land to the State by the Federal Government.

16. (SALE OF VACANT FEDERAL LAND, OBTAINED THROUGH USE OF BASE, SCRIP APPLICATION NO. 10500, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, AMERICAN POTASH & CHEMICAL CORPORATION - S.W.O. 5390.) An offer has been received from the American Potash & Chemical Corporation of Trona, San Bernardino County, California, to purchase the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, T. 25 S., R. 43 E., M.D.M., containing 240 acres in San Bernardino County. This land may be obtained by the State from the Federal Government through use of base. The minimum price for scrip for this type of land has been set heretofore at \$5 per acre. The American Potash & Chemical Corporation made an offer of \$1200, or \$5 per acre.

The Assessor of San Bernardino County has assessed other land in the vicinity at \$5 per acre, thus indicating its appraised value to be \$10 per acre.

An inspection and appraisal by a member of the Commission's Staff on October 29, 1953, sets the value at \$25 per acre. The American Potash & Chemical Corporation posted the necessary amount to meet this value. The land lies at an elevation of 1,640 feet and is situated a short distance west of the paved road which runs from Trona to Death Valley. The soil is sandy silt of second quality and supports a sparse growth of sagebrush. Two dirt roads cross the land, providing easy access.

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17. (SALE OF VACANT FEDERAL LAND, OBTAINED THROUGH USE OF BASE, SCRIP APPLICATION NO. 10550, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, IMPERIAL COUNTY, R. H. CLITHERO - S.W.O. 5521.) An offer has been received from R. H. Clithero of Long Beach, California, to purchase Lots 11 and 16 of Section 26 (Tract 55), Lots 13, 14, 23 and 24 of Section 27 (Tract 55), and Lots 1 and 2 of Section 27 (Tract 56), T. 16 S., R. 9 E., S.B.M., containing 225.95 acres in Imperial County. This land may be obtained by the State from the Federal Government through use of base. The minimum price for scrip for this type of land has been set heretofore at \$5 per acre. Mr. Clithero made an offer of \$1,129.75, or \$5 per acre.

The Assessor of Imperial County has assessed adjoining land at \$2 per acre, thus indicating its appraised value to be \$4 per acre.

An inspection and appraisal by a member of the Commission's Staff on August 6, 1953, sets the value at \$10 per acre. Mr. Clithero posted the necessary amount to meet this value. The land, located at an elevation of 500 feet, is sandy silt, first quality, level, and supports sparse desert growth. It is accessible by an existing graded desert road, and water is available at a reasonably shallow depth. It is situated approximately 1½ miles from U. S. Highway 80, near the small desert community of Ocotillo. Water appears to be available from wells.

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18. (SALE OF VACANT FEDERAL LAND, OBTAINED THROUGH USE OF BASE, SCRIP APPLICATION NO. 10563, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, MELVYN M. STEPHENS - S.W.O. 5543.) An offer has been received from Melvyn M. Stephens of Amboy, San Bernardino County, California, to purchase the E½ of Lot 1 of NW¼ (or SE¼ of NW¼) of Section 5, T. 5 N., R. 12 E., S.B.M., containing 40 acres in San Bernardino County. This land may be obtained by the State from the Federal Government through use of base. The minimum price for scrip for this type of land has been set heretofore at \$5 per acre. Mr. Stephens made an offer of \$200, or \$5 per acre.

The Assessor of San Bernardino County has assessed land lying north of Highway 66 at \$25 per acre, thus indicating the appraised value of the land in the vicinity to be \$50 per acre.

An inspection and appraisal by a member of the Commission's Staff on October 30, 1953, sets the value at \$50 per acre. Mr. Stephens posted the necessary amount to meet this value. The subject land is level, barren, and the soil, which is of third quality or poorer, is subject to alkali contamination from Bristol Dry Lake. No potable water is available. The land lies south of Highway 66 and the A.T. & S.F. Railroad at the edge of Bristol Dry Lake, and immediately adjacent to the railway yards at Amboy. It is crossed by the road from Amboy to Twenty-nine Palms, now a black-top road. The location is such as to make it suitable for light industry or warehouses at the railhead of the Marine Corps Base at Twenty-nine Palms.

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