

Shawnee, Kansas

May 15<sup>th</sup> 1867.

Sir

I desire to obtain information with reference to the action of the Secretary of the Interior on the deed of Eli Blackhoaf a Shawnee Indian to myself Made in the Spring of 1864. - The land described in said deed was in possession of a third party at the time and on account of the non-approval of the deed I have never been able to get possession, and consequently are kept out of the use of both land and money paid. It is my earnest wish therefore

that immediate action be taken  
and a decision reached so that  
I can either get possession of  
the property or take the necessary  
steps to insure a return of the  
consideration paid for the land.

Please give this matter your  
earliest attention and oblige

Yours Obedt Servt

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