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Dear Mr. Anderson:

There seems to be an anomalous condition at the \( \frac{1}{4} \) section corner of Sections 15 and 16, Township 1 South, Range 9 West, Willamette Meridian. The original corner was established by Samuel Snowden in 1856, at which time he set a stake and marked two alder bearing trees. In 1887, the County records show that the corner was re-referenced by the marking of two alder trees, apparently not the same trees. In 1905, according to the County records, a stake was set at the corner, and a spruce tree was marked as a bearing tree. Within the last few years, an automobile drive shaft was driven in at a fence corner in the vicinity.

In 1958, Lynn M. Roseberry, Bureau of Land Management Cadastral Surveyor, in resurveying public lands in the north portion of Section 15, made a search for the \( \frac{1}{4} \) section corner. He first located the drive shaft at a corner of fences extending north, south, and west. From this point, a spruce tree with a healed blaze occupies the position given in the 1905 County survey, but Roseberry was unable to obtain permission to open the blaze for positive identification. Thereafter, in searching the vicinity, he recovered an alder bearing tree marked in the 1887 County survey. This indicated a corner point a considerable distance south and somewhat east of the fence corner. He then retraced the north half mile of the line between Sections 15 and 16, and found that this latter point was much better co-ordinated with the corner of Sections 9, 10, 15, and 16 (which he had