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Band of the Maydoo Indians, Formerly inhabiting  
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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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Sent to Bureau of American Ethnology by the author January 25, 1885; transmittal letter in Bureau of American Ethnology Letters Received; Manuscript removed and separately catalogued, 5/1971.

### Available Formats

Included with Wyatt Harris correspondence on microfilm of Bureau of American Ethnology letters received (selected correspondents).

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## Biographical / Historical

Based on Harris' observations while engaged as a placer miner, ca. 1852 - ca. 1860.

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## Scope and Contents

Includes brief Maidu vocabulary and biographical note on Chief Soo-Boo'-Soo (died 1852). Also note by J. Owen Dorsey to Director, Bureau of American Ethnology recommending retention of the manuscript and enclosing an outline of its contents. February 9, 1885. Typescript document. 2 pages.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Biography -- Soo-Boo'-Soo, Chief
- Indians of North America -- California
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Maidu
- Maidu Indians
- Religion

### Cultures:

- Indians of North America -- California
- Maidu

### Names:

- Soo-Boo'-Soo, Chief