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Karl Johnson, Chairman
Hopi Tribal Council
Graibi, Arizona

Re: Hopi Tribe v. U.S. Docket No. 196

Dear Karl:

The United States Government attempted to consolidate the Hopi Tribal claim against them and the claim of the Navajo Tribe with the Southern Paiute Nation claims, Dockets No. 88 and 330.

Through arrangement with all counsel involved, conflicting claims of the Southern Paiute Nation were withdrawn and, as a result thereof, the Indian Claims Commission on December 28, 1956 denied the government's motion and thus the Southern Paiute Nation's claim will be concluded independent of our claims.

I am sure, however, that since our claim, Docket No. 196, the claim of the Navajos, Docket No. 229 and the claim of Hopi Village of Shingopovi, Docket No. 210 all claim part of the same land these cases will, in all probability, be consolidated for trial. From the best information I can obtain it is expected that these cases will be tried in about a year from now. I, therefore, think it is very important for us to conclude at the earliest possible date the action for reversal of the solicitor's opinion and any legislative action that may be contemplated on the same matter.

We have always anticipated that we would endeavor to obtain all the land that it is possible to obtain for the Hopis prior to pressing our claim for money damages.

Sincerely,

JOHN S. BOYDEN

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Mr. Dewey Healing
Mr. Logan Koopee
Mr. Andrew Seachoms