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Dear John:

I think the July date will work out O.K. for me. We have to move around July 1, but we can probably get that out of the way before the case is called.

I have recently gone through the Dine Bikayah, the gazetteer of the Navaho country written by Van Valkenburgh and published in 1941 in mimeograph form by the Navaho Service (editors: McFee and Young). There is an important reference to Hopi eagle trapping just north of Steamboat Canyon, and to a shrine nearby used by both Hopi and Zuni. This, with some early documentary references to Trout Springs, will help establish Hopi interests as far east as the Chinle - Canyon de Chelly region. The further extension to the Arizona - New Mexico border will be difficult - I don't know of any evidence for that region in the 19th century.

I have made some inquiries on the Little Colorado region since I last wrote you. The Chicago Museum of Natural History has been excavating sites in the Springerville - St. John's region of the upper Little Colorado river which were occupied in the 13th century and which show pottery and other traits ancestral to both Zuni and Hopi. Prof. Richard Woodbury (University of Arizona) who is working on Zuni sites in the vicinity of Ramah, tells me that William Beeson, one of Emil Haury's students at Arizona, made a survey of part of the area sometime in the near future. Beeson is at Sacramento State College, I think

I suggest you first write Haury as to his plans, and to discover what has been done by Beeson and others. It may be that Beeson could be hired to put together what already has been done, and perhaps to fill in essential gaps.

At best, this would give us a rough dividing line between Hopi and Zuni spheres from 1300-1600 or 1700. During the Spanish period there was much travel between Zuni and Hopi, but I haven't seen any reference to "boundaries," though you may have dug some up.

The Petrified Forest area has been pretty well surveyed by Fred Wendorf but with regard mainly to early sites. I will reread the reports to see what they may contain relevant to the later situation.

the region, and may be working in

You can use my name in writing to Haury, Beeson, et al. I will write them if you would prefer, but you can state better the kind of data that you need. I can then correspond with them as to findings, etc.

I will be glad to testify in the case. If I testify as an "expert witness," however, I don't want to get in the position that Dr. Hammond did. Hence, while I am willing to go a bit further than your present Little Colorado river line in the south, I would prefer to defend a line running from Holbrook northeast to the vicinity of Steamboat Canyon and on to Canyon del Chelly. In the north I am worried about going much beyond Kayenta. Do you have some old Hopis who ever traveled as far as the San Juan or Navaho Mountain - or whose fathers did? The west - to the junction of the Colorado and Little Colorado, seems reasonably O.K. though the Paiute came into part of the area at a time I don't remember. But I am sure when we get all the evidence assembled we will agree on its significance for the case.

Best wishes,

Fred Eggan

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