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CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Leroy Ellsworth  
County Assessor, Navajo County  
Court House  
Holbrook, Arizona 86025

Dear Sir:

The Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire lands for Indians and Indian Tribes, and provides that title to such lands shall be taken in the name of the United States of America in trust for said Indians or Indian Tribes.

In accordance with the above-cited Act, and pursuant to authority delegated to this office by the Secretary of the Interior, we have acquired the following-described land for the Hopi Indian Tribe of Arizona.

W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 22, T. 19 N., R. 15 E., Gila and Salt River meridian, Arizona, containing 120 acres, more or less.

Enclosed is a copy of a Special Warranty Deed executed by Earl Briggs, Assistant Secretary of the Arizona Title Insurance and Trust Company, whereby said company, as trustee, conveyed the above-described land to the United States of America, as Trustee for the Hopi Indian Tribe. This deed, dated February 2, 1967, was recorded on February 16, 1967, in Docket 254, Pages 161-162 of Deeds, in the office of the County Recorder for Navajo County, Arizona.

You will note from the enclosed deed that title to the above-described property was taken in the name of the United States of America, as Trustee for the Hopi Indian Tribe, in accordance with the above-cited Act. Accordingly, since the fee simple title to the property is in the United States of America, it is tax-exempt and we, therefore,

request that it be removed from the tax rolls of Navajo County, and  
no further assessment of property taxes be made thereon.

We shall appreciate notification when the above action has been taken  
by your office.

Sincerely yours,

Sgd. George W. Hedden  
Acting Area Director

cc:  
Supt., Hopi Agency  
Charles D. Wouthman, Forestry, PAO

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