United States
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Office of the Secretary
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AIRMAIL

Dear Mr. Head:

In a letter, dated May 24, 1961, from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior to the Phoenix Area Office, authority was delegated to the Hopi Tribal Council to enter into mineral leases and for related purposes. That delegation was made pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe. The letter contained the following provision:

> The authority hereby delegated does not apply to any lands which are embraced in the claim of the Navajos in the case entitled *Healing* v. *Jones*, Civil No. 579, U.S.D.C., Arizona.

On September 23, 1962, the final judgment of the court in the case cited above granted to the Hopi Tribe an exclusive right and interest to District No. 6 as presently constituted which was greater than the area conceded by the Navajo Tribe in its answer to the complaint of the Hopi Tribe. The judgment further provided that the Hopi and Navajo Tribes would have joint undivided and equal rights and interests both as to the surface and subsurface in all of the remaining land within the Executive order reservation of December 16, 1882.

The delegation of authority contained in the Assistant Secretary's letter is modified effective September 28, 1962, to eliminate the sentence quoted above. The authority contained in the delegation is enlarged to include all lands in which the Hopi Tribe has held an interest since September 28, 1962. This delegation will continue until it is revoked by this Department.

Sincerely yours,

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