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Tuba City School Farm.

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During the past week, attention of this office was called to the need of assigning farm plots to Navajo and Hopi Indians on the former Tuba City school farm.

This office has reviewed the files on this subject and the matter has been discussed by the Window Rock staff. The following decisions have been reached and are forwarded to the field staff for their guidance:

1. The Tuba City field staff should not attempt to assign farm plots at the meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 17th.
2. It is suggested that at the Thursday meeting, the field staff should use every means possible to get the Indian people to organize a local land board. It is understood that approximately fifty people are interested in receiving land assignments on the former school farm. These individuals should be asked to complete the regular application form used throughout the Reservation.
3. The Tuba City field staff should assist the land board in developing guidelines and criteria for selection of qualified applicants. Proposed guidelines should be submitted to the Window Rock Office for review, suggestions and final approval.
4. It is highly desirable that selection and assignment procedures be uniform throughout the Reservation.
5. The Window Rock staff will review all available files and material used by other land boards now in active operation on the Reservation. After this material is assembled, it will be made available to the Tuba City field staff and to the Tuba City area land board.

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