

Department of Justice

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AIR MAIL

Z. Simpson Cox, Esquire
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309 Goodrich Building
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Dear Mr. Cox:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 26, 1956, in reference to the case of the State of Arizona v. State of California, et al., United States of America, Intervener, Original No. 10 in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Please be assured that the Attorney General is mindful of the important water rights of the Indians and Indian Tribes within the Colorado River Basin, and that every effort is being made to develop those rights for a complete presentation to the Supreme Court. As a matter of fact, preparation of the affirmative case on behalf of the Indians was initiated shortly after the intervention of the United States in this litigation. This intensive preparation is continuing and, we are confident, will result in the representation of the Indians and Indian Tribes to your satisfaction.

Sincerely,

(s) *Frederick A. Ford*
for J. Lee Rankin
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel