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Aug. 30 1884

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U. S. INDIAN AGENT

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United States Indian Service,

Navajo Agency,

N. Mex. August 30, 1886.

Hon. J. D. C. Atkins,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of 21st inst "L" advising me of the late appropriation of twenty five thousand dollars to be expended in the survey of Indian reservations and allotments &c. and requiring a report of any surveying begun at this agency is received.

In reply I respectfully report and say that the boundary lines of the South and west sides of the Moqui reservation has never been surveyed or established by any marks or monuments to show where the lines run. This renders the boundaries vague and indefinite giving

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rise to disputes between settlers. Indian traders - the Indians and the agent as to where such lines are.

Here is an illustration. In May last I received information that a man named Charles Hubble had established a traders store at a point called Onion Water on the west side of the Mogins reservation and that he was within the reservation line. I investigated the matter but was unable to determine whether Hubble was on or off the reservation. He afterwards moved his store further west. Another party named Williams is in about the same situation.

To avoid such disputes and to enable all persons to know just where the boundaries are I think it best to have these lines surveyed

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established by a correct survey.
The expense of such survey I would estimate at fifteen hundred ($1,500) dollars. and think that sum sufficient. though not being fully acquainted with the cost of such work I have no positive data to govern me in making the estimate. The line to be drawn is about one hundred and twenty miles. parts of it rough and mountainous.
I respectfully ask that the boundary lines mentioned be defined and established by survey as early as practicable from the funds appropriated for such purposes.
I further say that no allotment surveys are necessary or practicable within this reservation

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this year.

Very respectfully
J. S. Patterson
U. S. Indian Agent

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