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Hon. D. M. Browning
Comr. Indian Affairs
Washington D.C

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the entire field work of the allotment of land to the Moqui Indians on this Reservation (with the exception of a few incomplete) is finished. In surveying and allotting the land for the Oraibi Band of the Moqui Tribe (that is Chief Lo, Lo, Lo, my and his people I found it necessary to take a description of the land of those known as the hostiles (and who refused to take their land except four or five) in passing through and around the legal subdivisions where Lo Lo Lo my claimed land in fact there was no other way of doing without leading to a great deal of confusion this shows the crowded condition of the claimants there being in one instance as many as eight claimants on one 80 acre tract. The Lo Lo Lo my head men were all out with me every day showing me their corn fields and melon patches and seeing the surveys and corners, when they came to a hostiles tract or field they told me who it belonged to and they said they did not want to take their own fields from them, it seemed necessary for me to make a note of it so as to have a clear understanding as to what tracts belonged to Lo Lo Lo my and his followers. In some instances the hostiles were present - seen me go over their land, made

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no objections and when I asked a few if this was their land they would reply Yes

I herewith enclose two sheets showing the field work and the crowded condition of a few sections so as to give a general idea of how their tracts lay - These two are the most crowded of any - the letter H represents Hay be mers people known as the hostiles - Now in as much as these people have repeatedly refused to take their land and it seems impossible for Lo Lo Lo mys people to each get his piece of land that is a full 40 80 or even a 20 in some places (unless they get occasionally tracts belonging to the hostiles as they refuse to talk about land we cannot adjust the matter in a friendly way to both parties and what they may suffer by the loss of any portion of the land is on account of their own indifference and stubborness and Lo-Lo-Lo-my and his followers who are willing and have taken their land should have the preference in the making up of their respective tracts of 80 acres each - leaving the hostiles to take such tracts as are left filling their quota elsewhere on surveyed land) so as to compilete their respective allotments.

In other words shall I proceed to enter upon my Schedules land for the Lo Lo Lo my people without taking into consideration the land claimed by the hostiles except where the hostiles have a full 40 or 80 acre tract covering their corn fields.

I have surveyed all of the 1st and 2nd rate land claimed by the Orabi people in the vicinity

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of their Village notwithstanding this they will be short for full allotments that is I mean hostiles and all - about 3,000 acres nevertheless there is sufficient good agricultural land in other surveyed localities and where water is at no great distance and which the other Villages have not enough people to absorb this surplus land - the land in question is called 1st and 2nd rate. The other 6 villages out of the seven have selected all they require - The land I have reference to is situated in Townships No 26-R 19E. 27-R 18E. also Township No 27-R 20E. which was formerly surveyed preparatory for Allotment work and will afford more than sufficient land to complete the allotments of the hostile Band of Orabis in the future as before mentioned there will be only about 3000 acres short in the vicinity of the Orabi Village - The land claimed by the Indians lay as sketched on the sheets herewith enclosed

I am now engaged in making duplicate copies of my allotments heretofore made for the other six villages and await your instructions before copying the Orabi field work above mentioned on my Schedule Sheets

All of which is respectfully submitted

Yours Very Respectfully
John S Maghugh
US Special Allotment Agent