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John S. Mayhugh U.S.
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Date August 4th 1892

Letter relating to the
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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Kearns Canyon Apache Co. Arizona

August 4th, 1892.

Gen. T. J. Morgan
 Commissioner
 Indian Affairs
 Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report after having finished allotting lands to Indians at Moen Cippi and return to Reservation. I commenced to allot lands to the Moqui Indians commencing with those at the first Mesa (Walpi) who had expressed a desire to receive their land. The evening before several of the leading men visited my office and expressed a desire to receive their land. They wished to take the land only that they and their fathers had always occupied and wanted to have it located to them in no body the land they had marked out years ago in their peculiar way. saying if these pieces were given them as one family as far as it would go they were then willing to take the balance elsewhere upon unoccupied land. I found upon my arrival next morning the place appointed to commence work some 25 or 30

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Indians young and old - earnestly talking about their lands - They informed me that they were the Snake family which consisted of about some 25 persons that they had cultivated and claimed a certain piece of land marked out by boundaries for ~~all time and wanted it given to the Snake people~~ as it would go around and according to their lines.

I concluded it would be best to see how much they claimed and how it was located so had it claimed and is marked upon the Township plat herewith enclosed as they claimed it - with this they were all satisfied, Next the Eagle's showed me what they claimed - then the Antelope's came next and I also claimed theirs out then a controversy arose among about the next piece adjoining which was claimed by the Corn people During the progress of this work many more arrived and several conferences were held which caused considerable delay but I thought it best to humor them until we

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got under headway and to ascertain how their land was
 As will be seen by the accompanying plat their
 lines is not in harmony with the Government survey
 but I thought I could adjust it to the survey afterwards
 After running the lines claimed by them to enclose
 their land we then located the land by ascertaining the
 sections and part of sections finding the Government
 corner stakes and joining them chaining up to the
 corners marked for the Indians, all the land
 marked shows what is claimed by the different
 families - Of course these people are all Moguis
 and belong to the same Mesa and Village (the Walspi)
 but are divided into numerous clans each having
 a representative name such as the Snakes, Eagle
 Antelope - Corn, squash, rari people, Coyote, &c.
 The piece of land claimed by the snakes is cul-
 tivated jointly by them and the production thereof
 divided equally among them of that name
 the same with the Eagle family and so on
 In thinking the matter over it has oc-
 curred to me that it would be the best plan to
 give to each of the snakes as far as it would go 40 acres
 each so that each family would get a piece of the

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land that they are now cultivating and so on with all other Mogui families that claim land in that peculiar way but giving it to them in legal ~~sub~~ divisions according to Government surveys of 40 acres each. I told them I would measure out to be one a separate 40 in this tract but they objected saying they wanted to work altogether as some were too old and others too young to work his piece separate and others had to herd the sheep for his share of the product of this land - but said I could put it on paper any way I liked and then select the balance they were each entitled to elsewhere and they would be satisfied but if I cut ~~it~~ up their corn and melon fields into pieces it would lead to disturbance among them and engender ill feeling and retard the progress of my work among them so please leave it undivided.

If permitted by your office to allot these lands inside of the lines but taking legal subdivisions so as to conform to Gov surveys with or without

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then consent the work can be accomplished with little or no bad feeling.

The Terwah Village people who are called Tobacco people are somewhat inclined to have their lands the same way but as they only represent one family and want it all in one tract and locality and the several sections claimed by them marked out that is the outside boundaries it will easily be divided into legal subdivisions among them that is as many will take it. I think a magouby will do so and if authorized can divide the balance among them to the best of my ability seeing that all have equal advantages as to character of land and other privileges. They the Terwah Moquis want a piece of land selected at the foot of the Mesa where some are now building left unallotted so that it can be called Terwah Village. This can be done readily as a Spring in the 40 they wish and may be called Terwah Spring N-1 in the Schedule. Another Village

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village wants the same way at least they have talked about it to me - I think the idea a good one for when they come off the mesa they will naturally have to cluster in groups where they can procure water - These people are so afraid and cannot understand clearly why they are now being removed in their lands that I have to go very slow to accomplish much - of course I find an occasional Indian who understands the land matter more clearly ready to take an 80 right away - but it takes and cuts right into other Indian corn patches - he having only an interest in some corn patch and if he can get a whole 80 no matter who claims it he is ready to do so, but I think that unjust. I had the honor to write and transmit to your office under date of June 22nd 1892 a letter signed by Sup^{ts} Collins myself requesting authority to allot lands to Indians who after being notified refused to come and show a tract they would like or claim - and to the old and feeble who are unable to attend.

An affirmative reply will enable me to accomplish

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this work between now and December

I therefore respectfully the above
in connection with the letter above referred to

Yours Very Respectfully

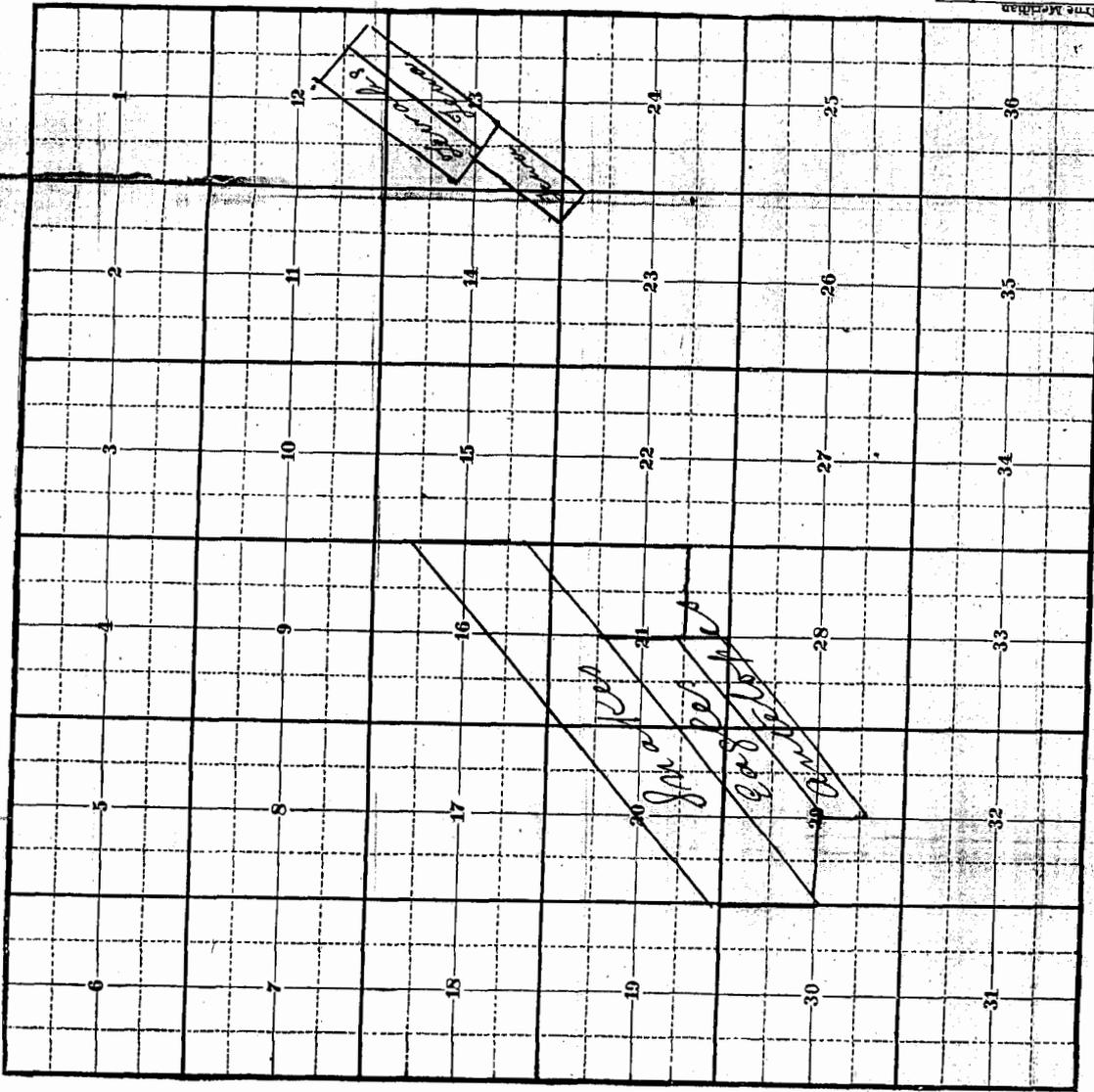
John S. Mayhugh

U. S. Special Agent

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