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Map of

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needed and its Boundaries
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United States Indian Service,

Moqui's Pueblo Agency, N.T.

December 4, 1882.

To the Com. Com. of Indian Affairs
Sir:- Washington, D.C.

Your telegram of Nov. 27 1882 directing me to "describe boundaries for reservation that will include Moqui's villages & agency, & large enough to meet all needful purposes and no larger", & to "forward by mail immediately" is at hand, & cheerfully submit the same, prefacing the following remarks.

The lands most desirable for the Moquis, & which were cultivated by them 8 or 10 years ago, have been taken up by the Mormons & others, so that such as is embraced in the prescribed boundaries, is only that which they have been cultivating within the past few years. The lands embraced within these boundaries

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are desert lands, much of it worthless even for grazing purposes. That which is fit for cultivation even by the Indian method, is found in small patches here & there at or near springs, & in the valeys which are overflowed by the rains, & hold moisture during the summer sufficient, to perfect the growth of their peculiar corn.

The same land cannot be cultivated a number of years in succession, so that they change about, allowing the land cultivated one year, to rest several years. I think that the prescribed boundaries, [redacted] braces sufficient land for their agricultural & grazing purposes, but certainly not more. I am greatly encouraged by the hope of securing this reservation as it will render the condition of

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this people more settled & protected.

In addition to the difficulties that have arisen from want of a reservation with which you are familiar, I may add that the Moquis are constantly annoyed by the encroachments of the Navajos, who frequently take possession of their springs, & even drive their flocks over the growing crops of the Moquis. Indeed their situation has been rendered most trying from this cause, & I have been able to limit the evils only by appealing to the Navajo's through their chiefs maintaining the rights of the Moquis. With a reservation I can protect them in their rights & have hopes of advancing them in civilization. Being by nature a quiet & peaceable tribe, they have

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been too easily imposed upon, & have suffered many losses.

The following are the lines that I would suggest, after carefully consulting such maps as I can command in connection with my knowledge of the prescribed territory.

Make the N.E. corner at the intersection of 36° 30' with the 110° meridian running thence west to 111° - thence south to 35° 30' - thence east to 110° - thence north to place of beginning.

These boundaries are the most simple that can be given to comply with the directions of your telegram, & I believe that such a reservation will meet the requirements of this people, without infringing upon the

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rights of others, at the same time protecting the rights of the Moquis.

~~Hoping that an order~~ may be secured for this grant at an early date I remain

Very respectfully

J. H. Fleming,

U.S. Indian Agent