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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,
IN THE FIELD.

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July 31, 1905.

SUBJECT: Report; Moqui Reservation, Arizona.

Dear Commissioner Leupp:

The enclosed original report is in transit to the Office; you may care to review it in advance.

Your personal attention is invited particularly to the recommendation having in view the segregation upon the north half of the Moqui Reservation, of all the Navajo Indians, now scattered variously all over the Moqui Reservation, and the preservation of the south half of this reservation, to the exclusive use and control of the Moqui Indians. The reasons for making this recommendation are explained in the body of this report, where it is shown, that the Moquis, as conditions now stand, live upon their own reservation, in constant fear and dread of the more aggressive Navajos. This fear stricken regard of their neighbor Indians, is existent among the Moquis because of the traditional conflicts between their tribes and those of the Navajos, in which the latter were always victorious.

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Their hereditary fear of the Navajos, now gives rise to the benumbed condition among the Moquis, the results of which are partial stagnation of their industrial pursuits, and pitiable hopelessness.

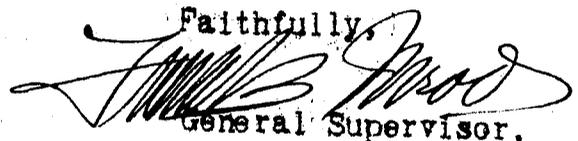
There is nothing here that should be construed, as condemnatory of the Navajos, other than his presumptuous arrogance, due to his knowledge of past tribal supremacy, which he accentuates daily in his altogether too close personal contact with the Moquis. The Moquis, glad to be relieved of the oppressive presence of the Navajos, are perfectly content to have the Navajos take temporarily, the north half of the Moqui Reservation, for the Moquis, with their peaceful and industrious mode of life, will have sufficient lands for their needs upon the south half of their reservation, at least for a time. The Moqui villages are almost entirely established, upon the south half of their reservation.

If the Navajos are retired to the north half of the reservation, and the Moquis are assured that their rights on the south half of the reservation are exclusive, and will be maintained, it will mark a very happy departure for the Moqui Indians, and will remove the one oppressing obstacle to their free development.

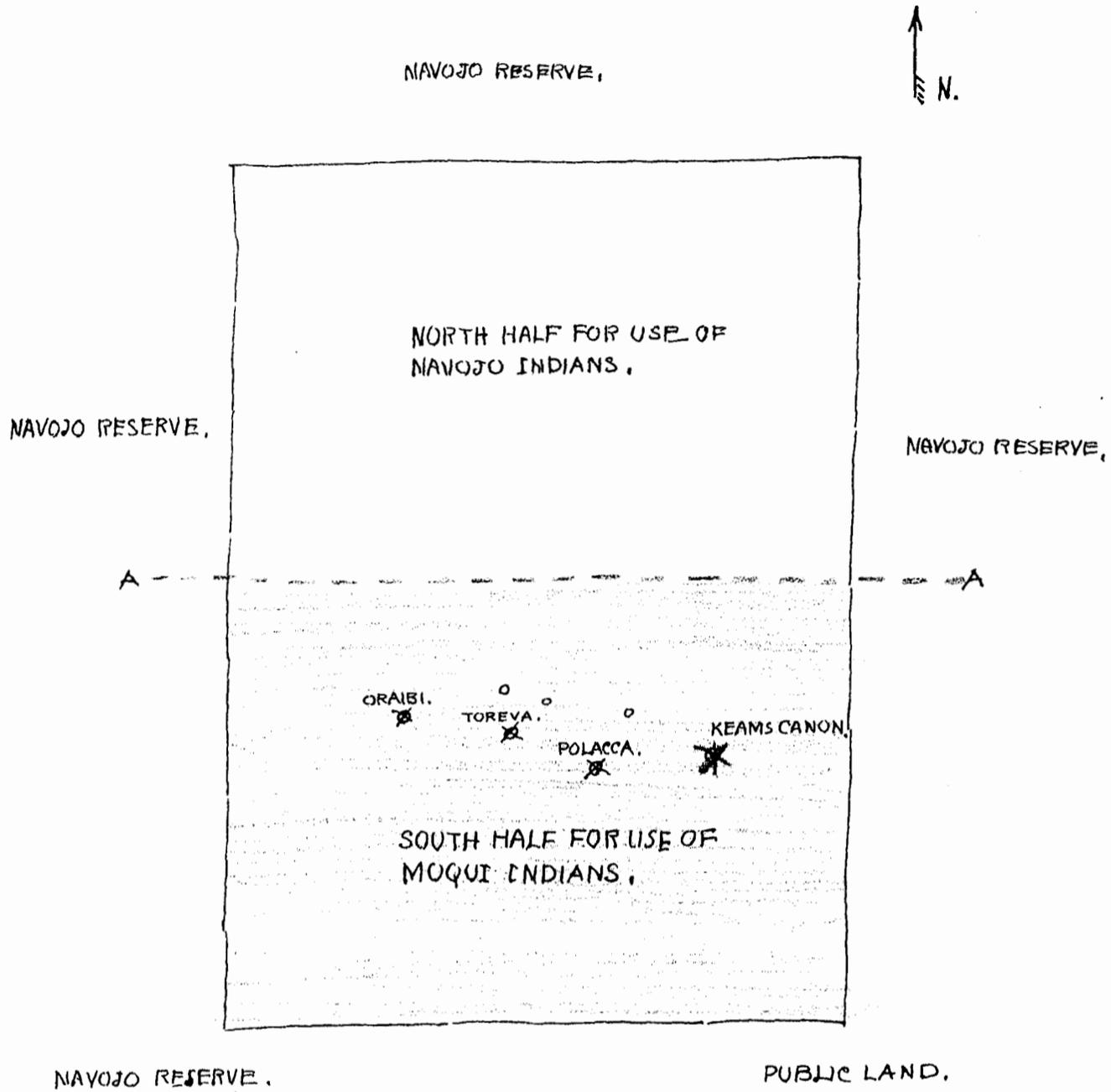
I will be glad to have advice as to your action, in this matter.

Francis E. Leupp:
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Faithfully,



General Supervisor.



SKETCH MAP OF MOQUI INDIAN RESERVATION, ARIZONA.