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Mr. Leo Crane,  
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My dear Mr. Crane:

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In his report on the Moqui Reservation, dated June 24, 1916, Inspector Traylor says, in part:

"There are now, counting those at Moencopi, 3200 Hopis an increase of only 200 since the Department began to keep a record of these people. Probably 600 of these are heads of families and should be engaging in the sheep and cattle industry. Counting 300 sheep to the family, 10 cattle and 4 horses, these people need a territory of about 1,250,000 acres, figuring that 8 acres is needed for each sheep, 10 for a steer, and 10 for a horse. At this time the Hopi is in no sense a stock raiser, but is a dry land farmer. To accumulate anything like the above amount of stock, which is a splendid average among any Indians, will require much industry for the next 10 years. To care for and sustain it the Hopi will need a territory which reaches from Keams Canon to 15 miles west of Oraibi and 20 miles north and south of First Mesa. This will give him a land approximately 45 miles in length and 40 in width, which includes practically all of the valleys of the four main washes, Nebito, Oraibi, Wepo and First Mesa.

"This territory is now badly over pastured by the flocks of the Hopi and Navajo, largely the latter. This condition is caused by the fact that most of the water is found in this section, and all the development done by the Department has been done here. This pasture will restore itself, if the Navajos are removed, while the Hopis are increasing and building their flocks and herds. This area is not all which the Hopis claim, and is not the amount of territory to which they think they are entitled, but I seriously doubt if they will be able to use it all for several generations to come. To receive its benefits in full there must be a distinct evolution in their habits and customs."

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Until some plan can be worked out whereby the Navajo-Hopi situation may be improved, you are directed, with the assistance of your employees, to use every means at your command to prevent further encroachment by the Navajos upon the area referred to by the Inspector, but without bloodshed or general disorder. At the same time, the Hopis living on the mesa tops, particularly the younger men, should be encouraged to leave this barren spot for other places on the reservation, for the purpose of improving and increasing their flocks.

Very truly yours,

*(Signed) E. B. Meritt*

Assistant Commissioner.

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