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My dear Mr. Freeland:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letters of April 18, 1928, concerning your visit to Polacca and Oraibi and to Tom Pavatea's store at Polacca, and particularly concerning the Hopi Indians.

The continued erosion resulting in innumerable washes on the Hopi Reservation is a matter that has received considerable thought in the past. Up to the present no definite feasible program has been outlined that could be economically accomplished to check the erosion. Wherever possible, however, work is being done for the benefit of these Hopi Indians. It is realized that they are not an aggressive tribe like the Navajos, with the result that no doubt the Navajo Indians will wherever possible encroach upon them. The Superintendent is being instructed to discourage and to take every means possible to prevent encroachment upon the Hopi Indians' rights. One of the activities being carried on for the Hopi Indians is that of water development which is very necessary in a country where the water supply is so limited.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E.B.Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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Copy to Hopi.

Supervising Engineer Robinson,
with copy of letter from
Mr. Freeland.

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