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R. R. Fryer
Superintendent
Navajo Agency
Window Rock, Arizona

Dear Mr. Fryer:

We should like to have you give consideration to the case of Joel Pozichoyduma, a Hotevilla stock owner who has for thirty years operated his sheep herd west of the Dennebito Wash in the vicinity of the Dennebito bridge. Besides Joel there are four other operators in the bend of approximately 150 herd. Our records indicate that they use for stock water the Dennebito Wash, 3-[illegible], and 3-[illegible]. This grazing use has been on a year-long basis up to last spring when Joel's herder was [illegible] and fined for lack of a permit on District #3. As you know some of our Indians have felt that it should not be necessary for them to obtain permits to use land which they have controlled traditionally. Such was the case, I believe, with Joel. Last spring when the matter came up, we requested [illegible] the case until such time as a definite boundary settlement was made for the Hopi. At the time we had been promised that a boundary settlement would be made in a very short time. Our information here concerning the boundary settlement is that individual cases along the periphery will receive such attention and will be settled on the basis of duration of use.

Until such a time as they investigate our matter, I will appreciate your Land Managing Division's issuing a temporary permit in District # 3 to Joel.

Very truly yours,

Seth Wilson
Superintendent

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Attention: Walter V. Woehlke

cc: Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

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