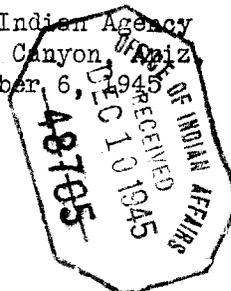


UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FIELD SERVICE

Hopi Indian Agency
Keams Canyon, Arizona
December 6, 1945



Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Chicago 54, Illinois

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

For your information I am enclosing copies of letters written by Genevieve Walter of Ojai, California. Some are copies of letters written to her by others.

These copies were forwarded to me by a friend, not by Mrs. Walther, and I would like to keep the originals.

Mrs. Walther has frequently smeared my integrity on account of the letter referred to on page three, 3rd paragraph of her letter addressed to the Honorable Joseph C. O'Mahoney, Chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs. Had I furnished the letter, she might have instigated bad feeling between the Hopi Indians which I do not like. I did not permit her to see the letter, and I trust that you will not allow her to see the copy. However, I am enclosing copy of the letter written to the Governor of the State of Arizona by the Chairman of the Tribal Council dated May 27, 1941 and the Governor's reply dated June 3, 1941.

The former chairman advised that the contents of his letter was no secret as it was published in the "Arizona Republic", the "Winslow Mail", the "Holbrook Tribune" and in the publication "Pow Wow".

He also advised me that the action was approved by the Tribal Council.

We are and have been working toward unity and cooperation between villages and groups. Therefore, the former chairman, as well as myself, would not care to have Mrs. Walther use this letter to create disunity. I believe that you will understand our position.

I have tried to keep you informed by furnishing all written material and information which I have been able to gather, and Mr. Zeh has probably reported the results of his investigation.

If you have suggestions either official or personal which might be helpful, I would surely appreciate having them.

Because of the many Hopi people who desire self-improvement and betterment for all Hopis, and because of their cooperation and confidence, I am not discouraged on account of the criticism, just or unjust, of a few Hopis and a few misinformed Non-Hopis.

*The friend who sent the letters
is John Evans.*

Sincerely,

Burton A. Ladd
Burton A. Ladd,
Superintendent

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Mrs. C. Walther

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