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Dear Mrs. Walther:

Just returned and got the story from Chief Ned Nayatewa. An inspector finally arrived here and had three meetings with Indians over charges against Supt. Ladd. He was hurriedly called into Chicago by Mr. Brophy, telling the people that he would return in two weeks for further digging into matters. I am especially glad for this, for I shall be present in any other meetings coming up, especially the land matter.

I think the inspector was called in over the testimony I gave to the House Committee on Indian Affairs in Washington on Oct. 28th, at their special meeting called to give me chance to present claims for our people. Only the reservation matter was fully delved into, stopping off with the request that Congress define the Hopi Reservation boundary and do away with the Executive Order now in effect. For an hour and half I had the floor, and from evidence given them seem to think that we have a claim with some justice to it. Letters from the Commissioner, the former and the present one, stressing our right to the Executive Order area, was evidence against the injustice heaped on us by the Indian Office.

In New York I met with Mr. Roger Baldwin, also with the American Association on Indian Affairs. I feel that a way has been opened up for real action on Indian Affairs, and just as soon as the special meeting record is out, then we shall start concerted action and flood Congress with demands for action in behalf of the Hopis. Mr. Baldwin willingly offered the help of a lawyer, at no expense, and we shall ask them to draft a bill on the Hopi Reservation boundary matter and have it introduced in both houses. If we wait on Congress to start action it may never materialize.

I am going in to see Mr. Ladd (the Superintendent) and tell him just I did, and ask him if he is with us as our representative in all Hopi affairs or against us. If he says he is with us, I am going to have him present at a mass meeting I am going to call to report what I did, both in New York and Washington. If he is not with us, then no use inviting him to the meeting. I am also going to take up with him the status of the Tribal Council, pointing out to him just what he did and what he said to you, and if he still insists that there never was a Council, then he is guilty of a grave crime - by getting the Council to borrow \$5000 for the purchase of blooded rams. If we cannot agree on the Council status I'll ask him to write out his side and I'll write mine, then both submit it to the Indian Office for a ruling. The American Assn. took complete record of this Council matter and will submit it to the Office for a ruling.

Karl Johnson acted as interpreter for the Indians with the inspector, and so far only complaints against Mr. Ladd and Lowry was the main subject. Land matter will be taken up later, for which I am very glad as I want a part in that. For the present this will be all that I can write, for it is late in the night and I want this to go out tomorrow as I feel you should know what is afoot. As I said above I think the inspector was called in on account of my testimony, for which I am glad, for he might return with the complete record of the meeting, and I can go into every detail with him and all the Indians. I am especially glad over the outcome of this tribal affair on my trip, and you and others may wait for later developments and a call on you for your valued assistance.

Very sincerely,

B. P. Adams