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May 15, 1926.

President Coolidge and Members of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We Hopi Indians, in Northern Arizona are not so fortunate in the possession of worldly goods as other Indians of our Red brethren to this great city, to make our plea in person before you.

Our people have toiled diligently through many generations to eke out an existence in a territory where cultivation is difficult. Our people have been deprived of lands which we originally occupied under the treaty of 1882, until now the present area we are allowed to retain is not sufficient for our direct needs, you our White Brothers, compel us to continue a respectable existence. To do so an extension of our land allotment within the reservation boundary necessary. We believe we are within our rights in asking that our present location upon the reservation be designated as belonging to the Hopi Indians, for in the treaty of 1882 it was assigned to the Hopi and other Indians.

We ask our land boundaries be extended north to the store known to us as Sue-Ohee-Fu, to the east meeting the boundary line of the village of Ganado. To the south to the boundary line of the village of Holbrook, to the west to the boundary line of the village of Luepp.

Our White brothers ask us to respond to their teachings. To You, White Father, we ask the question: "Can a deer extricate itself whose antlers have become lodged within low branches of a forrest tree without the aid of a helping hand to set it free? We Hopi have waited so long; through many generations have waited for the hand of our White Brother to reach out in granting that which his lips have so often promised. We need meat for food. When we take the trail for wild game we are stopped and told to pay a license of many dollars before being allowed to secure food. May we not have a reasonable open season upon wild game without having to pay license?"

Great Chieftain and Brothers, representing the people throughout this broad land, we ask you to pause a few moments and in names of Justice and Humanity expedite the granting of that which we herein request.

Faithfully interpreted by
M. M. Billingsley,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Signatures of the Hopi --

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Quemaquaptewah
Fonyquaptewah
Setalia