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Mr. King A. Naha,  
 - Polacca, Arizona.

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Dear Mr. Naha:

This will refer further to your letter of March 14 and the reply thereto under date of March 30 in regard to your right to occupy and use certain lands in the vicinity of Cedar Springs in regard to which a report has been received.

It appears that the land in the vicinity of Cedar Springs is strictly Navajo country which was given to the Navajo Indians in 1860 and that the house built by you was placed on such lands without your being granted permission to do so. It also appears that the Navajos protested against your occupying such lands and that they offered you 125 head of sheep several years ago in payment for the house.

We understand that you and your brothers have a considerable area of land suitable for farming and live stock activities within the area assigned to Indians of the Hopi tribe and that you have ample grazing and water for your stock without occupying lands belonging to the Navajo Indians.

You have been advised by representatives of the Indian Service at various times over a considerable period of years that the land referred to belonged to the Navajo Indians and that you would not be authorized to occupy or use it. We understand that the Navajo Indians to whom the land belongs are willing to pay you a reasonable amount for the house and that other lands within the area assigned to the Hopi Indians are available for your use. In view of these facts you should surrender possession and remove therefrom without further delay.

It is suggested that you confer with your superintendent in regard to other tracts of land which are available for assignment for the use of yourself and members of your family.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. J. ...

Assistant Commissioner.

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cc - Salt Lake Extension Office,  
 Hopi for report as to further developments,  
 Mr. H. P. Gould, Senior Pomologist, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture.