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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FIELD SERVICE

Hopi Agency,
May 8, 1933.

The Honorable
Commissioner Indian Affairs,
Washington:



Sir:

Carrying out instructions given in your letter of April 24, in re King Naha's application for land at Comar Springs, I have the honor to make report as follows:

I am substituting a map recently made by Forester Howell, the only correct map we have of the reservation, for the forest map you sent me, for I believe it will be best to do this.

On this map you will find locations already made by the Naha family, as follows:

Three home sites at Polacca, small lots and houses thereon, where they live.

- No. 1. Location by Neal Naha, fenced in field of about 5 acres for farming purposes, with house.
- No. 2. Location recently given King Naha, 50 acres, farming land, no house yet. He is fencing it.
- No. 3. Location given Vinton Naha, who has about 40a of irrigated land here.

The Nahas have about 400 head of cattle and horses and have built a house at Comar Springs without permission of this office - in strictly Navajo country, right near the springs. Three years ago they attempted to go there with their stock and the Navajos protested this move and offered them 125 head of sheep for the house. I recommended that they keep out of that district and keep where they are. Their stock runs everywhere and there is no reason for their going outside their own territory for there is plenty of water right near the location of King and Neal - a windmill. Here is where most their stock runs and there is plenty of pasture here.

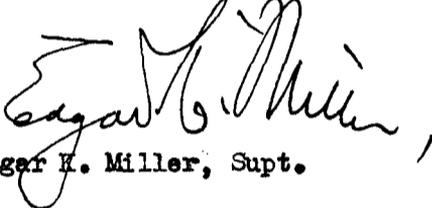
Comar Springs is strictly Navajo country and to let a Hopi in there will start serious trouble and will not be right at this time. It looks like it is a plan of the First Mesa Hopis to get in there and then drive out the Navajos as they have at Talahogan and Oraibi Wash. The springs are named after an Indian who took up that country way back in 1860 and who was given a paper by the agent at Fort Defiance at that time showing he was entitled to that

The house Vinton Built at Comar Springs can be nicely used for a chapter house and that is what the Navajo Indians will attempt to buy it for. I feel that is the thing to do. The Nahas are in a large valley by themselves, mostly, and their stock is doing OK in every way; they have plenty of water and if anyone allows them or anyone else to go into the Comar Springs territory there will be trouble between the Navajos and Hopis. The Nahas should sell their house at Comar, for they had no permission to build it there, and take any additional land they want, that the office is willing to give them, in the territory where they are.

As I say, I think it is a Hopi trick to break into another Navajo district. It has been tried many times.

Sincerely,

One marked map
enclosed.


Edgar K. Miller, Supt.