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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
FIELD SERVICE

King Naha,  
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Application of  
King Naha.

Hopi Agency,  
April 10, 1933.



The Honorable  
Commissioner Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your carbon letters concerning the application of King Naha for additional land for Naha cattle, and would advise as follows:

There are three Naha boys, Neal, Vinton and King. Vinton runs the stock of the family, mostly cattle and horses. Neal and Vinton have places, a very large amount of grazing country. Both are near a windmill with plenty of water for their stock. That well has never been dry that I know of. There is plenty of country for their stock. Besides that district which they try to control, we recently gave Vinton a piece of land near the Jedito wash for farming purposes. Neither place is farmed or looked after as it should, though it will be better this year, seemingly, owing to the interest Neal and Vinton are taking in the matter. There is plenty of land in these two places for King, too, if he wishes to farm any.

The place at Comar Springs is an attempt to take away from the Navajos, in a strictly Navajo district, land occupied and water developed for Navajos. The house spoken of was built by the Nahas without first getting permission from this office. The Navajos went up into the air about the matter and entered protests against these Hopis getting into that district. A meeting was held between Hopis and Navajos in 1920 and the result was that the Hopis were ordered not to occupy the house nor occupy land in that district. They then took it up with Mr. Fiske, who happened to be here at that time, and he, also, ruled that they should not be allowed to go in that district, given Navajos by the officer in charge of this country way back in 1860, for the reason that it would not be fair and would only cause great trouble. The Nahas have land enough. They want to get all they can. It is perfectly right for King to have a place he can call his own and develop, but this application is just an attempt to override this office. I have told King we will get him a place, but that he probably can not have the house and that country, which is rightly Navajo country, occupied by Navajos. I will do my best to get him a place and there are plenty of them, but the Nahas are determined to hog the water and take only places they select, with no regard for the Navajos.

cc to Mr. Bigham.

Sincerely,

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