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Mr. Peter Navanza, Chairman
Hopi Tribal Council
Shungopovy, Arizona

Dear Mr. Navanza:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. J. M. Stewart, Director of Lands, which is written in connection with the assignment of farm lands to Navajos on the Lower Dinnebito Irrigation Project.

For your information, the decision to assign the Lower Dinnebito Project was reached in my office after a prolonged conference with Superintendent Hutton. At this conference, it was decided to reserve the Dinnebito for the use of the Navajo Indians, with the understanding that the Hard Rock Project would be assigned exclusively to Hopi Indians.

On the basis of the understanding reached at this conference, the land under the Hard Rock Project was subjugated and was reserved for the exclusive use of the Hopis. The Dinnebito Project, which was developed from funds allotted for the use of the Navajos, lies well outside the land historically cultivated by the Hopis, and is within Navajo Land Management District 4.

I regret very much that this division of use as between Hopis and Navajos, and as between the Dinnebito and Hard Rock projects, has not been more fully explained to the Hopi Council.

If it is the consensus of opinion of the Hopi Council that this division is inequitable, those of us who represent the Navajo will be very glad to reconsider this matter and discuss with the Hopi Council the possibilities of making assignments to Hopis as well as Navajos on the Dinnebito Project.

You, of course, are aware, as we are, that for years Navajos have been farming the area subjugated under the newly constructed Dinnebito diversion dam.

With best wishes,

E. R. Fryer

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General Superintendent.

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