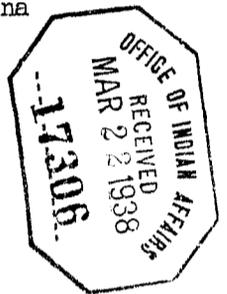


Shungopovy, Arizona  
March 16, 1938



Mr. John Collier  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Collier:

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At the regular meeting of the Hopi Tribal Council held at Oraibi on March 1st, the question was brought up regarding the use of land for farming purposes under the lower Denebito irrigation diversion dam. We have taken a trip to visit this area which is located about ten miles north of Hotevilla and well within the boundaries of the Hopi Reservation.

From the information we could get it is understood the Navajo Service is taking steps to allot this land to Navajo Indians. The Hopi Council object very strongly to this action being taken as they feel that the Navajo Service has no right whatever to come on the Hopi Reservation and allot land to Navajo Indians. In addition, this land is located within a reasonable distance of Hopi Villages and should be given to Hopi Indians for their use.

We will appreciate it very much if you will stop the allotting of this land to the Navajo Indians, and investigate the matter further as we feel it rightfully belongs to the Hopis.

Very sincerely,

*Peter Navamsa*

Peter Navamsa, Chairman  
Hopi Tribal Council.

cc G. A. Trotter  
Window Rock, Arizona