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Mr. Edgar K. Miller,

Supt. Hopi Agency.

My dear Mr. Miller:

Referring to your recommendation of May 16,1928,that a site 150 x 50 feet be set apart for Catholic Mission purposes adjoining the site authorized on December 10,1926, it is noted that there is a spring within t is area which the mission authorities hope to develop for mission purposes, but that they will be willing to permit the Indians who use the police hogan nearby to use water so long as it lasts.

You advise that the spring has not been developed in any way or used by Indians. In view of the scarcity of water in your vicinity it must be assumed that nonuse has been due to the inaccessibility of the spring or to the uncertainty of flow. It is not believed however that authority should be granted even temporarily that would give water control to any nongovernment interest. Indian consent has always been a condition precedent to mission occupancy and use. This is particularly important where a water supply is involved, on account of controversies that are likely to arise at any time.

You will therefore please obtain a written request from the mission authorities and forward it with the signatures of such Indians as willingly subscribe their names; the understanding to be that use of water by Indians should not be limited to those on duty at the police hogan or lodged there, but that such authority as may be granted will reserve to the Government the right to resume control of the spring or springs at any time that Government or Indian needs may make such action imperative. With this understanding the details may be taken up and on receipt of the papers here the matter will be in shape for consideration. Use attached forms and send plat showing as accurately as possible dimensions, distances, approved and requested sites, and school buildings.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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Approved: JUL 14 1928

(Sgd.) JOHN H. EDWARDS

Assistant Secretary.

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