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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEP'T OF THE INTERIOR, RECEIVED MAR 7 - 1930 SEC'Y'S OFFICE APPS. MAILS & FILES

5-1, Hopi mission sites

MAR - 7 1930

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

In a letter dated February 6,1930, Superintendent Miller of the Hopi Agency recommended that Father Mathias, in charge of the Catholic Mission at the agency, be granted the right to use water from the spring near the Mission site so long as the Mission remains where it is and continues its work for the Indians. With his letter he transmitted a map intended to show the location of the spring with reference to the Church site. This map is not drawn to scale so that no accurate description of the spring site can be made up from that sketch.

On December 10, 1926 the Department approved a request for the setting apart of a 1.375-acre tract lying east of the Keams Canyon School grounds, for temporary use and occupancy of this Catholic Mission, which is conducted by the Order of Franciscan Fathers of Arizona. The tract is on the Hopi Reservation, but is for the benefit of the Navajo Indians. The area is described in that authorization by metes and bounds. It is now recommended, in view of the apparent friendliness of the Indians toward the proposition, that the said Mission be permitted to use water from the spring, as may be needed in the operation of the Mission, developing it in such manner as may be necessary; with the understanding however that the Indians shall at no time be denied access to the spring for their own purposes or watering of stock.

It is further recommended that this authority shall be operative so long as the Mission continues its work at this point subject,however, to the usual condition that no right, title or interest in the spring shall vest in the organization or its representatives, either against the Indians or the United States, and with the further understanding that the authority shall be revocable by the Secretary of the Interior at any time.

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Respectfully,

C. J. Rhoads
Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,
Office of the Secretary.
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APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED:

(Sgd.) JOS. M. DIXON
First Assistant Secretary.

Inclosure 4651.

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