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Mr. Elmer F. Bennett, Solicitor
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Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Navajo - Hopi Proceeding

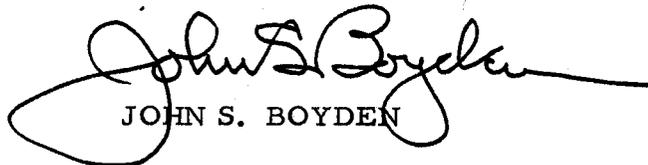
Dear Mr. Bennett:

I have just received a copy of a letter from Norman Littell concerning the petition of the Hopi Tribe for modification of the Opinion of the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior dated June 11, 1946, to which the Navajo Tribe made its reply.

I did not reply to the Navajo answer although much affirmative material was put in the brief requiring a proper answer. I talked with members of your staff on several occasions, and they were agreed that there was no particular point in bringing this matter to issue at this point in view of the pending legislation.

It now appears that we will soon have our answer on the legislation, and I see no particular reason for requiring me to make a trip to Washington at considerable expense, since the Hopi Indians are practically without funds. It may be that the Bill will require my presence in Washington, in which event I will get in touch with you and with Mr. Littell.

Yours very truly,


JOHN S. BOYDEN

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cc: Mr. Karl Johnson
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