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Memorandum

To: Assistant Secretary Lewis
From: Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Subject: Transfer of Hopi jurisdiction

The Area Directors of Gallup and Phoenix Areas were instructed to transfer the administration of Hopi from Gallup to Phoenix. This transfer was solely an administrative organizational measure. Nothing in the transfer is to be interpreted as a decision on the substantive rights of either the Hopis or Navajos with respect to land within the boundaries of the Executive Order reservation, nor construed to effect in any way the status of individual Navajo Indians or Hopi Indians as members of their respective Tribes.

A review of the Memorandum of Agreement dated June 24, 1954, between the two Areas concerned on the details of the transfer indicates a clear understanding on their part of this office's objectives in the transfer.

Copies of the Bureau's Memorandum of April 9, telegram dated June 24, and Memorandum of Understanding of June 24, are attached.

Walter Greenwood
ACTING Commissioner

Attachments

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Hopi - Navajo Boundary