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Memorandum

To: Mr. Ralph M. Gelvin, Area Director, Phoenix Area Office

From: Assistant Commissioner (Administration)

Subject: Effective date for transfer of Hopi

It is requested that you mutually work out proposed plans for effectuating the transfer of Hopi from the Gallup Area Office to the Phoenix Area Office. The mechanics of the transfer of program and housekeeping functions should be thought through prior to the transfer to assure as smooth an operation as possible.

The planning should be on the basis of the transfer of the Executive Order reservation. This is not to be interpreted, however, as a decision on the substantive rights of either the Hopis or the Navajos with respect to land within the boundaries of that reservation. Nor is it to be construed to affect in any way the status of individual Navajo Indians as members of the Navajo Tribe. In formulating your joint plans, it would be well for you to consult with the officials of the Navajo Tribe and with leaders of the Hopi villages.

Please submit your proposed plans to this office for review and approval prior to taking any steps to carry them out. Your recommendation as to the effective date for the transfer should be included.

(Sgd) W. Barton Greenwood
Assistant Commissioner