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Dear Mr. Katchongva:

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**Assistant Secretary**

In April 7 you wrote to this Department expressing the opposition of the "Hopi traditional leaders" to the proposed expulsion of 35 Navajos from Hopi lands in northern Arizona. You also mentioned the opposition of those you represent to the Hopi Tribal Council, to the Navajo-Hopi lawsuit and to mineral leasing on the Hopi Reservation. These are all matters on which the so-called "traditionalists" have frequently expressed their opinions, and while we appreciate receiving your views, we feel you should know that we continue to recognize the tribal council as authorized to speak for the Hopi Indians. Our action with respect to the proposed expulsion of the Navajos is entirely consistent with the above position.

I do not expect to be in Arizona in the near future, but I look forward to visiting the Hopi Reservation and at such time will be pleased to meet with tribal members, including the "traditionalists," to discuss the issues of importance to the Hopis.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Harry R. Anderson

Assistant Secretary of the Interior

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