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Hon. Robert G. Valentine,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,-

We, the Navajo Indians named below, chief men of our
Tribe, want to tell you our story and ask you to help us.

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We are told there is a law about a man having only one
wife. Two years ago, Mr. Maxwell, the Agent at Leupp, took away from
a Navajo, a girl of twelve years old, whom this man had married. He
also married the girl's mother. The girl was sent to school, and
the man put in jail. After he got out he lived with the girl a
while, and she now had a child; then he left her and the mother
whom he had married, and married another woman. Mr. Dickson the agent
at Leupp now, gave him a paper making the marriage good, and when
Mr. Dickson knew the man had married these other two women.

We don't like this thing. We tell the people that the
law says only one wife, but they say Mr. Dickson break the law,
and they won't mind our words. So they think we just make up that
law. If Mr Dickson won't settle these things our people won't listen
to our words and we can't get them to keep the laws.

Also, our people go to Mr. Dickson for work. He tell us
there is no work for us, but he want us to go to the Buttes, a long
ways off, and say he give us work there. But it is too far for us
to go. Mr. Maxwell he often give us work, but Mr. Dickson make it
too hard for us to work and buy our wagons on this part of the
Reservation. We live far away from Leupp and much farther
from the Buttes country, and we can't get work. So we would like
to find out about these things. We get no word from Mr. Dickson.
We want to know what we shall do.

Please to write us, care Mr. David Hubbard, Tolchaco,
Arizona, who is the man who we tell this to, and who interpret for
us.

Yours,

David Hubbard
Navaho interpreter

Mark Dine-Yazzi

Dine El-tei-hi *his mark*

Pesh-la-kai-et-setty *his mark*

Our homes are in the
Coconino Basin country

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