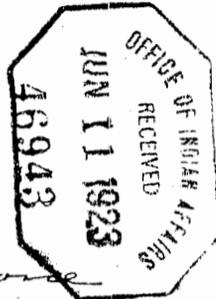


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Mr. Chas. B. Burke
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D. C.



My dear Mr. Commissioner:

With the exception of one delegate and alternate from Crown Point who will be elected on June 5th the members of the Indian Tribal Council of the Navajos has been completed. In general the men chosen are, I think, all right, about the best that could have been chosen. They are mostly older men tho' there are some representatives of the younger "educated" Indians. There has not been any serious clashes of any kind at any of the meetings. The situation at Tuba was the most difficult.

6-140 Before going further I will have to know whether funds have been provided for defraying the expenses of the first Tribal Council. when in Washington I wrote a letter - which is in the files, stating that I thought \$500 would cover this expense and asking that that sum be appropriated. These were funds, I was told, which were available.

I do not think I could get a quorum

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as the Council unless their expenses are paid. I have had to tell them their expenses would be paid. I have not promised them a per diem. However a per diem of about \$2 per day would be wise. If a per diem is paid \$500 would probably be too little. If \$750 can be set aside for the purpose - it would be better and as little as possible of the sum would be used.

Will you please advise me, addressing me at Santa Fe when the funds will be available.

I have not decided where is the best place to hold the Council but will write you more fully about that. I am certain that neither Shiprock nor Ft. Defiance nor Gallup would be best. It is a rather delicate matter but, I am sure, can be arranged.

Respectfully yours,

H. J. Hagerman

Commissioner to the Navajo Tribe.