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Subject:- Removal of Navajos from Moqui lands.

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The Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with Land 50574-08, in reference to the removal of Navajos from lands near Moqui villages I have the honor to submit the following suggestions:-

(1) That these Navajos be requested to make selections of land outside the lands to be allotted to Hopis; that the Government develop sufficient water for their needs on the lands selected.

(2) If an amicable arrangement can be made with both Hopis and Navajos, that these Navajos be permitted to select allotments among the Hopis, and on the same basis that lands are allotted to Hopis.

(3) If the Navajos will not agree to either of above suggestions, they should be forcibly returned to the locality from which they came.

If my suggestion, that the Hopis of the six eastern villages be allotted lands within Tps 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 Ranges 17, 18 and 19, but few Navajos will be affected, and those who will be affected have come into this locality

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within the last four or five years, according to the most reliable information that I can obtain.

The people of Oraibi and Hotevilla will require a similar area, and fewer Navajos will be affected there than at these villages.

If the Office should deem it wise to reduce the area of grazing lands to the Hopis to 160 acres each, it would not work any great hardship on them, although it would create dissatisfaction among them and their friends.

The Hopis of the six eastern villages are farming about 5% of the farming lands near these villages, and are utilizing less than 1% of the storm waters.

It would be better for the Hopis to continue to be farmers, and to make stock raising incidental, while the reverse must be true of the Navajos.

Very respectfully,

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