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Moquis Indians

Arizona Territory

Report, upon location, condition, etc.

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Captain U.S.A.

Special Agent

Fort Wingate

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Fort Wingate, New Mexico Territory
Dec: 20th 1869.

To

The Honorable E. S. Parker
Comr Indian Affairs
Washington
D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to state, that I have complied with the instructions sent me as Special U. S. Agent for the Moquis Pueblo Indians, A. T. as contained in your letter of instructions dated Washington D. C. August 20th 1869 and to respectfully submit the following report in relation thereto.

I left this Post on the 1st day of December 1869 accompanied by a Spanish Interpreter and an escort of (2) two soldiers, and (31) thirty one Moquis Indians who had come from their village to meet me, and arrived at the Moquis villages on the 10th inst, remained there (4) four days and returning, arrived here on yesterday the 19th inst.

The Moqui Villages are seven in number and are located about (100) one hundred miles nearly due west from Fort Defiance A. T. They are built on high abrupt "mesas" or table lands (which jut out into abroad plains) of an average height of from (450) four hundred and fifty to (500) five hundred feet, accessible by foot paths cut in solid rock. The houses are built of stone and mud, and are comfortable and

substantial. Wood for fuel is obtainable only at a distance of from 6 to 8 miles; water equally scarce, no spring nor holes, at the base of the heights on which the different villages are built. A vein of coal underlies all the villages and the Indians know its use and might have no mining implements. Their household and farming implements are few and rude. They irrigate their fields not little, there being no running water near and depend entirely on such showers as fall during the spring and summer.

The Moquis are very few in comparison to the other Indians located on or near the Rio Grande River in New Mexico. They state they were at one time well off, but the thefts of roving bands of Apaches & Navajoes have greatly reduced them. They have lost many of their number by disease and famine of late years, but are now in a good state of health and have enough of corn, pumpkins, watermelons and dried peaches (their only crops) to carry them thro' the winter comfortably. Their clothing is poor and scanty.

The seven villages run about (2000) two thousand head of sheep (75) seventy five asses and (20) horses.

Each of these villages has an hereditary governor and two hereditary Captains. They appear to command the respect and obedience of their people.

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Each village is independent of the others, although they all call themselves, and are recognized by the rest as, Moquis. They are of medium height, light copper color, have black hair and eyes, well developed in muscle, and singularly free from constitutional deformities. They are industrious as shown in their mode of life, naturally intelligent, of a mild and peaceable nature, though not cowardly, and for an Indian tribe, chaste, practicing a strict monogamy, and open prostitution being unknown.

As soon as practicable after my arrival I had a council with the Governors & Chief men of all the villages, and after stating the object of my visit, I requested them to inform me what was most immediately necessary to alleviate their condition. They spoke with clearness and conciseness stating that (among other things) they had had persons come to them in former years, representing themselves to be agents, who had examined into their condition, counted their people and left them with promises of assistance. They (the Indians) had become almost discouraged, and although they asked for but little, would be very thankful for any assistance that might be rendered them, and hoped they were not to be again deceived.

I then proceeded to examine into their number, and most urgent necessities.

Their number by actual count is, all told, (1505) one thousand five hundred & ~~ninety~~ five

A detailed account of their depredation accompanies this report.

An estimate accompanying this report, sets forth the kind and quantity of articles which I deem immediately necessary to supply these Indians with the proper means of raising a good crop the coming season. (marked "A")

I desire to return to the Moquis villages on the 1st of April 1870 and to remain there until their crops are gathered. I desire to take with me an assortment of cereal and garden seeds (acclimated) procurable on the Rio Grande river at reasonable prices, which I propose to purchase, hoping to be reimbursed by the Department, Northern seeds would not be available. I desire also take with me as many of the articles enumerated in estimate "A" as possible, and would respectfully request with a view of saving time and freight from the east, that some authorized person, purchase such of them as can be obtained in Santa Fé New Mexico, at rates which would warrant such purchase. A good wagon road exists from this Post to the Moquis villages.

I desire to take with me next Spring, Mr. W. H. H. Metzger, (who accompanied me as Interpreter in my late visit to the Moquis) in the double capacity of Farmer and Interpreter, and would respectfully request that I be authorized to employ and pay him in both capacities. He has lived in New Mexico for fifteen (15) years, is a carpenter by trade, and a farmer by occupation, understanding the methods of planting and harvesting in

this country, is a good interpreter and generally useful man, and has an excellent reputation in this section. I believe the interests of the Department will be best subserved by his employment in the above named capacity, and that it would be impossible to secure the services of a good interpreter at the salary allowed, to go to, and remain at, so remote a place as are the Moquis Villages. No other employees will be required.

Accompanying this report will be found also, an estimate for clothing and other articles for general distribution to the Moquis, marked "B", not regarded as so immediately necessary as those mentioned in estimate "A", but which should if practicable reach them by the 1st of October 1870: also an estimate for funds.

No Estimate is made for an agency building, or for furnishing an agency building, as none will be required.

It might be proper to mention here, that the Moquis desire that ministers of the Gospel and teachers, be sent them to instruct themselves and their children.

Then being no troops or transportation at Fort Defiance, I was compelled to get the necessary escort and outfit for my late trip, at this Post.

I applied to Capt. F. T. Bennitt U.S.A. Agent for the Navajo Indians, stationed at Fort Defiance, for the necessary ~~buildings~~ for an agency for the Moquis at that Post.

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I was informed by him that he had no room to spare for that purpose. I do not think it advisable to establish my agency there for another reason, to wit, the hostility existing between the Moquis and Navajoes, which though not open or general, shows itself in occasional murders and frequent thefts.

I would therefore respectfully suggest that I remain at this Post, or probably better at Santa Fe' N.M. for the more expeditious transaction of business in relation to my agency, until the opening of spring, when I desire to leave for the Moquis Villages as above stated.

I hope to be able to effect a treaty between the Moquis & Navajoes at an early day.

Previous to leaving this Post on the 1st inst, I sent to the Department a crude estimate for goods for the Moquis, with a view to hastening such measures as might be taken for their benefit, that estimate will obviously be improved by the accompanying nos "A" & "B".

Taking into consideration the general character of the Moquis and their present destitute condition, I regard them as eminently fit subjects for Governmental assistance.

They desire in any event to remain where they are.

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Although probably not pertinent to the subject matter of this report, I beg leave to state that I take a greater interest in this people, than I could have thought possible previous to my visit to them. and hope that such measures as the Department may be pleased to take to ameliorate their present condition may be expedited as much as possible.

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
A. D. Palmer
Capt. U.S. Army
Sp. Agt. Neog. Pub. Inds.

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Population 1500

Moquis Pueblos, 1870.

40 doz.	~~Spades~~	15.00	600 00	600 00
40 "	~~Hoes~~	12.00	480 00	480 00
24 "	~~Pick Axes~~	16.00	384 00	384 00
500	Camp Kettles	.50	250 00	250 00
40 doz.	~~Axes~~	13.00	520 00	520 00
56 "	~~Axe handles~~	3.00	168 00	168 00
1 Sett	~~Carpenter's tools~~		100 00	100
1 "	~~Blacksmith's tools~~		100 00	100
1000 lbs.	~~Bar iron (assorted)~~	.05	50 00	50
7	~~Grindstones~~	2.00	14 00	14
1.400 ft.	~~Hemp rope (one inch in diameter)~~	.20	280 00	280
1.000 lbs.	Nails assorted	.5	30 00	50
4.500 yds	Bro. Sheeting 4/4	.16	720 00	2.996 00
150 doz	Stockings	2.30	345 00	
40 " pr.	Wool cards	5.00	200 00	
1.500 lbs	Yarn Assorted Colors	1.37	2.055 00	
5 M	Needles (Assorted)	1.50	7 50	
500	Papers pins "	.05	25 00	
500	Spools White thread	.05	25 00	
500	" Black "	.05	25 00	
100 gro.	Horn Buttons (assorted)	1.00	100 00	
80 doz.	Butcher Knives	3.00	240 00	
125 "	Tin Cups	.60	75 00	
125 "	Tin Plates	.60	75 00	
			$6.888 50	

$2500

1 Six mule team & wagon Complete.
Cereal & Garden Seed

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Moquis Indians

Arizona Territory

Schedule of Population of

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Moquis Indians of Arizona Territory

Population as taken on the 11th 12th and 13th days of Dec: 1869 by Capt. A. D. Palmer U. S. Army.

Village	Adults	Children	Totals
Móqui	295	108	403
Tĕ-ūā	108	35	143
Mĕ-shung-ā-nā-wĕ	140	81	221
Shĕ-pāll-ā-wĕ	71	25	96
Shăng-ŏ-pā-wĕ	118	42	160
Ō-rī-tĕ	308	174	482
	1040	465	1505

Villages taken in rotation from east to west.

Respectfully Submitted
A. D. Palmer
Capt. U.S.A.
Sp. Agt. M. P. Inds.

Fort Wingate N.M.
Dec 11th 1869

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Moquis Indians

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Estimate of Funds

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Capt. U.S. Army

Special Agent

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Estimate for funds, to be expended for the benefit of the Moquis Indians of Arizona Territory between the 1st day of April and the 1st day of October 1870

	$	cts.
For salary of one Farmer six months at $70 per mo	420	00
" " " " Interpreter " " " $41.66 " "	250	00
" Contingent Expenses	300	00
	970	00

Respectfully Submitted

A. D. Palmer
Capt US Army
Special Agent for M. P. Ind S.

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Dec 20th 1869

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Estimate for goods, for distribution to -

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Moquis Indians, Arizona Territory

Estimate "A"

Articles		Quantity		Number
Spades	✓	Five hundred	360	500
Hoes	✓	do do	360	500
Pickaxes	✓	Three hundred	216	300
Camp Kettles	✓	Five hundred	250	500
Axes	✓	do do	520	500
do helves	✓	Seven hundred	168	700
Carpenters tools-setts	✓	one	1874.	1
Blacksmiths tools setts		one		1
Assorted Bar Iron-lbs		One thousand		1000
Grindstones		Seven		7
Hemp rope one inch in diameter - feet		One thousand four hundred		1400
Nails assorted-lbs		One thousand		1000
Sup nails teams and wagons complete-for use at agency		One		1
Cereal and garden seeds	✓	a varied assortment		

The above estimate is based on the population of the Moquis Indians, and embraces the articles deemed most immediately necessary to enable them to plant and properly irrigate and cultivate their crops for the season of 1870, and is

Respectfully Submitted

A. D. Salmon, Capt USA Sp. agt. Moq. Pass. Indians

Fort Wingate NM
Dec 20th 1869

Moquis Indians

Arizona Teritory —

Estimate for goods for distribution to —

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Palmer

A. D.

Capt USA

Sp. agt.

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Moquis Indians, Arizona Territory.

Estimate "B",

Articles	Quantity		Number
Brown Muslin - yards	Four thousand five hundred	720	4500
Stockings - woollen - pre	One thousand eight hundred	540	1800
Wool cards	Five hundred	200	500
Yarn - assorted colors - white, yellow, blue and black - lbs	One thousand five hundred	2100	1500
Needles - ~~assorted - papers,~~ 5 M	~~Five hundred~~	7 50	500
Pins - assorted - papers,	Five hundred	7 50	500
Thread - white and black - ~~lbs~~ spools of - each -	50 lbs. Five hundred	50	500
Buttons - horn or bone - gross	One hundred	150	100
Knives - Butcher	One thousand and fifty	250	1050
Tin Cups and Plates - each - 60	One thousand five hundred	96	1500
Hemp rope one (1) inch in diameter - feet.	One thousand four hundred		1400

Respectfully Submitted
A. D. Adams
Capt. U.S. Army.
Sp. Agt. Moq. Pub. Indians

Fort Wingate N.M.
Dec 30th 1869.

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