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U. S. INDIAN SERVICE.

Moquis Pueblo Agency,
Arizona Territory
Dec. 10, 1875.

Tuax, W. B.,
U. S. Indian Agent.

SUBJECT.

Replies to com: from this office relative to the removal of the Moquis Pueblos to a better locality

ACTION.

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Moqui Pueblo Indian Agency,
Arizona Territory,
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Hon. Edw. P. Smith,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 24th 1875, marked "F." in which you request me to endeavor to induce these Indians to remove to another locality, I have the honor to state, that the matter has been under advisement for sometime, and after much delay, I have succeeded in getting an expression from the Chiefs and principal men of the various bands of their tribe. I very much regret to inform you, that I have not been able to induce them to entertain the proposition for their removal to a better and more promising country. They are so much attached to their

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present locality, that they become angry when they are asked to consider any overtures for an exchange of locality - they cannot be moved at present except by force, which is not desireable. I hope, however, to induce several families the coming season, to cultivate crops, as an experiment, in the region some 30 or 40 miles West of their Villages, where the soil would, probably, yield a fair reward for their labor. This may be the beginning of a general removal to that country, but I am not sanguine upon the subject.

The most effective means for bettering their condition, is to establish and maintain good schools among them, until they are sufficiently enlightened to comprehend their best interests. Give me the means for establishing three more schools with good teachers, and I will prepare them for better things as soon as could be expected.

I have the honor, to be,
Your, very respectfully.
Wm B. Pierce
US Agent Mogeis Chippewa Indians

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