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MOQUIS PUEBLO INDIAN AGENCY,

ARIZONA.

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Wm. K. Mateer
U. S. Indian Agent.

Inclosures.

SUBJECT.

Relative to examination for leases, and agricultural operations of the Sioux

ACTION.

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W. K. Mateer

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just an receipt of Commissi
[illegible] "elk market N. Mo. 65" in which it
[illegible] section of E.S. Merritt as teacher
can not be used. Where needs a school house is provided
at the Agency.

I would say further that it was my intention to
build a school house at the Agency just as soon as I
can get lumber to make tables, benches &c. I think we
can manage to school of forty scholars in the present
building and it was my purpose to employ the male
pupils part of the time in making repairs about the
Agency as well as to assist in the gardening and farm
ing.

Mr. Merritt has been here since May 1st and has
[illegible] repairing the
building and planting out the garden &c. and is prepared
to take charge of the Industrial School as soon as the

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Fort Defiance, [illegible]

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building is completed and funds are appropriated for its maintainance. Until that time I think it advisable to retain them as I have no other white employee that I could fire or to look after the Agency in event of its being necessary for me to be absent on business connected with the management of the Indians.

The Navajos are thickly settled around this Agency and it is not safe to leave the buildings alone even for a few hours when they know that there is anything of any value in them. The Moquis are great pilferers but the Navajos will take much greater risks.

The Moquis seem greatly rejoiced that they have some protection here from the Navajos this year. They have gone to work and repaired the fence and taken in several acres of new ground and planted it nearly all in wheat. We have to watch them continually to keep them from planting all our gardens. I fear that we will not have water to irrigate what is already inclosed.

The Navajos are spreading all over this Country, within a few miles of the Moquis villages, claiming it as theirs

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such fracture exists only spots of land where there is
water for cultivation
Indians, set them off a reservation taking in at least
forty miles along the Little Colorad River so that they could
secure [illegible] irrigating purposes. Yet
Mormons are farming on the shares with the Mormons at what
is known as Smiths Camp just above Sunset Crossing on the
Little Colorado.

The Mormons have three large settlements on the Colorado
twenty five miles apart and one on the Moen Kapie about
the same distance.

Hoping To hear from you personally I remain

Yours very Respectfully

Wm R. Maley,

U. S. Indian Agent.

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