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United States Indian Service,

Moqui's Pueblo Agency,
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Honorable Commissioner Indian Affairs
Washington
D.C.

I have the honor to renew my application for authority to open a Wagon road from this Agency by way of the Moqui Villages to the Atlantic and Pacific R.R. at Sunset on the Little Colorado River.

I would respectfully refer to my Special report to the honorable Commissioner of date February 3rd 1881. in which, I present some of the reasons why it should be done, and estimated cost, not to exceed $500. distance 60 to 65 miles.

I now renew those arguments with some other thoughts in favor of the road being opened at once; the longer I remain here the more I am impressed with the importance of it,

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to this Agency, and the Department.
It will shorten the haul in transporting supplies about one half the present haul from the R. R. Will be an infinitely better road, with water and grass in abundant supply for teams. Will have our mail carried by Moquis without riding 100 miles through the Navajo Nation, as now. Which the Moquis are quite loath to do, and can hardly be induced to do it. They are really afraid of the Navajos. Then there is an other important consideration, it would give these people the first good road they ever saw. Good roads are surely the shortest and quickest pathway to civilization, as when the Romans opened and made good roads for the English people. they then began to civilize, and are still on those highways. other examples are not wanting. I deem this work of such importance that I want to do it myself. So that when I leave this people, I will be able to realize

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I have accomplished a permanent good for them, something they will not forget in a few days.

The Wells, and the road, I desire to complete.

With a good road, the Moquis will soon be able to transport all the supplies, besides other hauling for the Government, and Citizens, and abandon the packing of Burros, and adopt the use of Oxen and horses to Wagons, also haul their own surplace to a good market.

I have personly examined the route for the road and have a good One with easy grades over the few elevations.

I believe, I can pay the Indian labor mostly if not entirely with Goods.

I have the honor to be your
Most Obt. Servent
John H Sullivan
U.S. Indian Agent.

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