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Reports that a change of location of the Agency is desireable, and states reasons in connection with his letter of June 22 1881.

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United States Indian Service,

Moquis Pueblo Agency,

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

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following suggestions on the subject of the location of this Agency in connection with the location of a boarding school for the Moquis people -

First: I assume the present location is injudicious, illy adapted to meet and carry out the desired object, in the establishment of an Agency for these people -

Its location is in a narrow cañon with only a few acres of titable land, and an inadequate supply of water, not more than sufficient for the irrigation of one or two acres at most; in the midst of a large Navajo population, which is the source of much

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annoyance to the Agent and his employés, also to the Moquis, who rarely if ever come to the Agency, that they do not meet these Navajo's which creates a jealousy in their minds, fearing their old enemies are being favored at their expense -

It is 15 miles from the nearest, and 33 to 35 miles from the most distant village of the Moquis, They have to come here for their goods and to see the Agent, and nothing else -

When the Rail Road delivers Moquis Supplies at Sunset, the Little Colorado crossing the goods will have to be hauled here, past the Moquis Villages the distances before given, then they follow up to the Agency to get them; whereas if a suitable Agency building was in the Valley, it would require a shorter haul which the Indians would do, and be less expensive, and in a location, in the direction, and neighborhood where they will have to go to market and transact their business, if they

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are ever brought to accomplish anything for themselves as men.

While I think what I have written is sufficient to show the justice and great propriety of the change, - yet there is more, which I wish to add equally important, I think to the best interest of the service -

The buildings at present occupied are insufficient, badly arranged, and very inconvenient for an Agency - no proper Store rooms, but instead a number of small rooms disconnected, in no way accessible, except by all outside doors -

If the Agency was located in the Colorado Valley, where the people could make a living and have a surplus to sell, the younger of them could soon be induced to form a settlement near the Agency, and cultivate the lands under the direction of the Agent, and also begin to live in separate homes, and fast adopt the rules and regulations of self supporting men in civilized life -

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If any progress is made by them soon, it will have to begin in some such way - not to adopt such a plan the Department will have Moquis on the "Mesa", to specially care for and support, the next century to come, in my opinion.

These Agency buildings are much better adapted for school purposes, the rooms are small, and can be used as sleeping apartments, in fact all the rooms would be required in a short time, if I am not mistaken in my opinion, which is based on what the Indians have promised me, when in conversation with them on the subject of the school.

If this school is to be started it should be in the proper way; new houses will have to be erected; - then since these are so much better suited for the school, than for an Agency, I would most respectfully and earnestly urge the selection of a new location, and the erection of a suitable building in which the Agent can have the whole

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conveniently under his own supervision, and where he can aid the people in a line of progress in the direction of their best interest, with a hope of surely relieving the Indian Department of a portion of its present load.

Other agents before me, I find from papers on file in this office, have urged this same change of location, with good reasoning.

I would respectfully ask your attention in this connection to my letter dated 15th. ult. accompanied by a diagram of the various government buildings at this Agency.

The foregoing suggestions are the result of being on the ground, and seeing for myself the needs of the Agency, and the wants of the people in my charge.

I have the honor to be,
Your most obt. servant,
John H. Sullivan
Farmer in charge

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