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Notes of Council held by Major Powell with Ganado Mucho & other Chiefs.

Accompanying Map of Navajo Country and Letter of Inspector C. H. Howard, Dec. 27, 1882

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Extract Notes of Council —

Canadi Mucho. We increase in numbers - our flocks and herds increase - Many years ago the Great Father told us to stay upon the Reservation set apart for us - to farm our small patches of corn - to take care of our chief and horses. We have done so now we have grown in numbers and our flocks and herds have grown with us. But what is our Reservation? The Americans have set apart ninety miles square - there are two or three mountains with pine growing on them - and here and there a spring and two or three small streams of running water - the rest is sand plain and mesa and far apart springs. On our North boundary the San Juan passes through a small portion of our Country - On the South we had the Little Colorado but now has come the Railway and many Americans and have crowded us away. But there is one little stretch of land on the Little Colorado on which there is no white man - I would like to keep that. Of old our boundary used to be on the North the Navajo Mt. - on the South the Little Colorado. On the West San Francisco Mt. and on the East Mt. Taylor.

Major - Is there grass enough on the Reservation if you could get more water - Wells for instance?

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Ganado Mucho. No, we have not grass enough — even if we had the land is not broad enough — my people are increasing every day, so are these flocks and herds — they have not room enough. I long to have land enough on which to lie at full length without fear of someone treading on me. I pray you remember what a small piece of land we really have.

Major. I will have a map of the Navajo land made — and I will have my men study it — and mark upon it the pinon and the pine, the sand wastes and the watercourses. Then I will tell the Great Father the Navajo Reservation ought to be enlarged. I will tell him your land is not large enough for you — but I cannot promise you any more land, but I will tell the Great Father what ought to be done.

Ganado Mucho. From the Mountains come forth two or three streams — the people crowd in upon them in early summer and soon the grass is all gone — the country looks as if it had been ploughed — The best springs in all the country are these in this Cañon and to-day you can count seventy herds coming in here for water. I grow clamorous in my prayers for land because I know my people need more scope for their herds.

Since my young days many Great Fathers have

changed in Washington - but I have never changed - I have been Chief ever since I was a very young man. When I first was made Chief I told my people continually to abstain from all unlawful acts but some of my unruly ones broke away from me. They murdered Mexicans and even a few Americans and burned robbed and plundered. But soon the American Soldiers came and punished all of us and surounded and drove us all to Fort Sumner. Then I told my people you will now believe me - You see how strong the Americans are and how bitter is their punishment.

After a time we were allowed to come back here to our own Country and ever since I have given my people the same counsel - and ever since my people returned here they have been quiet and peaceable and good. Why will not the Great Father listen to me. —

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