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Department of the Interior
April 5th, 1882.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, who will please inform Agent Fleming of the facts.

A. Bell
Assistant Secretary.

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Moquis agy
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Enc. letter to the Secy. in regard to discontinuance of the agy

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Office of Indian Affairs
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Respectfully forwarded to the Hon Secretary of the Interior with the information that the bill now pending before Congress does not provide for the abolition of Moquis Pueblo Agency in Arizona

H Price
Commissioner

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United States Indian Service,

Moquis Pueblo Agency, A.T.

March 27, 1882.

To the Hon. Com. of Indian Affairs

Sir:-

I have addressed the enclosed letter to The Hon. Sec. thinking him the proper person to address on the subject, as the move for consolidating the agencies came from him.

If it meets your approval I trust you will hand it to him & confer with him about it.

Very respectfully

J H Fleming

U.S. Indian Agent

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Moqui's Pueblo Agency
March 27th 1882.
J. N. Fleming U.S.
Indian Agent
To the Secretary of
the Interior concern-
ing the Continuance of
this Agency.

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United States Indian Service,

Moqui's Pueblo Agency, A. T.

March 27th, 1882.

To the Hon. Sec. of the Interior
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I learn through the press that the subject of discontinuing this Agency is being agitated, and, as I know that you feel much interest in the welfare of all the indian tribes, & that your influence may prevent what I anticipate may be perilous to the civilization of this tribe, I address you personally.

You doubtless know that the Moquis are, & ever have been, a peaceable & timorous tribe. Assuredly, they require no Agent, no reservation, or no oversight to keep them from committing depredations.

They do, however, need protection

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from the intrusions of other tribes & from Mormans & ruthless Americans. If ever there was need of an agency here, certainly it is more necessary at the present & for several years to come. The advance of the A & P. R.R. has brought in Americans who are rapidly occupying the best watering places, thereby depriving the Indians of their grazing grounds. I would earnestly recommend that this people be protected & aided to civilization & education; not indeed by giving them annuities - for I should oppose giving them anything whatever:- but by protecting their lands, compelling them to labor, & giving them supplies at the lowest possible cost, & educating their children.

Abandon this agency now. & give them no further protection, & we

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shall soon see a suffering people driven to the wall. As it is at present, it is impossible to do them justice or to protect them from the impositions of unprincipled men, because they have no protected lands.

I would recommend that they be given a small reservation including their pueblos, the agency & sufficient lands for cultivation & grazing purposes.

I would also recommend that such a reservation be set apart only for a limited time - 10 or 15 years - & that they be constantly reminded that at the end of such time all the lands remaining unoccupied, in severalty, by them would revert to the public lands. They could be convinced, that, unless they give their filthy communal way of living.

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Mormon.

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they must come to want: While if they take up lands sufficient for their flocks they will be allowed a title thereto.

In connection with this subject, I would respectfully refer you to the Commissioners Communication to Agent Maten, under date of August 14 1879 — L Arizona M. 1090 1879. — where you will find favorable consideration of the subject; But, as Maten resigned soon thereafter, nothing more was done. The chief Tubee, referred to in that letter, has been dragged into the Mormon band, & the encroachments are becoming more & more.

I believe, that with the aid of the contract teachers here on the ground, we may be able to abandon this agency within ten years. & leave a people able

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to take care of themselves, enjoying better health, & possessing some appreciation of the privileges of education.

In order to this, however, they must be protected, encouraged, & compelled to earn their bread by hard labor.

The sooner they are taught that they can have nothing — not even a plug of tobacco — without paying for it in money or labor, the sooner will they be raised from beggars to men; & if I may have the Department with me, I will see that such a system is introduced instanter.

With an earnest appeal on behalf of this people, that this Agency be continued, & the rights of the Reservation be granted. I am very respectfully —

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J. N. Fleming.
U. S. Indian Agent,
Moqui Pueblo Agency, A. T.
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c/o Raynolds Bros.

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