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Department of the Interior,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

WASHINGTON, October 2, 1893.

John S. Mayhugh, Esq.,
U.S. Special Agent,
Kears Canon, Arizona.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter dated September 19, 1893, in which you state that the work of making surveys for the Orabi band of Moquis was commenced September 4, 1893; that Lo-Lo-Lo-mi, one of the headmen, professes to know all of the tracts of land claimed by his people and the name of each owner - also those of the hostiles under Hay-be-mer; that in making these new surveys the party often had to pass through and around the corn fields and melon patches belonging to the hostile party; that in working in or about these fields the hostiles would not talk with you or the interpreter; that in passing through, you took the names of Hay-be-mer's people and noted the descriptions of land occupied by each so that the tracts could be given them in future without further retracing or locating of same, but this is not of such great importance as all of the land surveyed and being surveyed is of the same

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character and produces the same crops; that under this state of facts you ask whether you shall proceed to allot first to Lo-Lo-Lo-mi and his people numbering over 550 under the above stated conditions - also to Hay-be-mer and his people the respective tracts they now occupy, or whether you shall allot to Lo-Lo-Lo-mi and his people as they now desire it allotted, or whether you shall only complete the new surveys ordered.

In reply I have to inform you that as rapidly as the surveys are made and the Indians - whether of the Lo-Lo-Lo-mi or of the Hay-be-mer band - are willing to take them, the allotments should be made. You will not, however, resort to the extreme of assigning allotments to the Indians who will not make selections, as, under the provisions of section 2 of the General Allotment Act, the Indians have four years after the President shall direct that allotments may be made on a particular reservation, within which to make their selections, and assignments of land to them cannot be made before the expiration of that time. You will proceed as rapidly as possible to complete the surveys and the allotments to the Indians willing to take them, and then report to this office the number who continue in their refusal to make selections. They should be given to understand that they will be parleyed

with no longer and that if they fail to make selections in due season it will be their own fault and loss and not the government's.

Very respectfully,

James M. ...
Commissioner.

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