February 25, 1909

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
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Allotments Moqui reservation.

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Mathew M. Murphy, Esq.,
Special Allotting Agent,
Keams Canon, Arizona.

Sir:

In response to your letter of January 20, 1909, and referring to your letters of August 17, September 8, November 27, and December 5, 1908, regarding allotments to the Moqui Indians, you are informed that this matter has been given careful consideration and the following instructions, in addition to your original instructions of February 15, 1908, are given:

An allotment of forty acres of valley or agricultural land and 320 acres of mesa or grazing land, should be made to each Indian on the reservation entitled, irrespective

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manner as subsequent circumstances and existing law may render advisable.

In preparing your schedule the lands reserved for use of the Indians in common should be described thereon by townships and ranges, with an explanation in the margin of whether the lands so reserved is timber land, or contains springs, or water holes.

Executive Order of December 16, 1882, creates the Moqui or Hopi reserve for the Moqui and such other Indians as the Secretary of the Interior may see fit to settle thereon and the Act of March 1, 1907 (34 Stat. L., 1015), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make allotments to the Indians on this reservation in such quantities as may be to their best interest. There is ample authority, therefore, for making allotments in the areas recommended by you and as specified herein. There is ample authority, also, for making allotments in the Moqui reservation to such Navajo Indians as may be located thereon and who intend to reside

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directions will be given for your guidance.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Approved: Feb'y 2 1909

Assistant Secretary.

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