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Mr. Burton A. Ladd,  
Superintendent,  
Hopi Indian Reservation,  
Keams Canyon, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Ladd:

You will remember I talked with you last spring with respect to claims of the Hopi Indians. It is my understanding that you have employed counsel. Nevertheless, I write this letter in explanation for not having talked with you on subsequent trips to the Navajo Reservation.

As you probably know, some of the Navajo Indians were contemplating employing me as their counsel. If this had been done there would have been a conflict of interest in representing the Navajos and Hopis. I, therefore, refrained from further talking with you until the Navajo matter was settled. A short time ago factional differences in the Navajo Tribe resulted in the employment of Norman Littell of Washington, D.C., thus eliminating any possibility of representation by me.

I hope this explanation is completely understandable and if in the future I may be of any assistance to you or the Hopi people, do not hesitate to communicate with me.

I am now engaged in considerable Indian work, being General Counsel for the Ute Indians and the Claims Counsel with Mr. Ernest L. Wilkinson for the Goshute-Shoshone Indians, although the formal execution of the contract with the Goshute-Shoshones has not been completed.

Yours very truly,

John S. Boyden.