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August 5, 1958

Mr. John W. Cragun
Wilkinson, Cragun & Barker
Law Offices
744 Jackson Place
Washington 6, D. C.

Re: Hopi Litigation

Dear John:

As I explained to you before, I desire to settle the Navaho-Hopi boundary dispute before pressing our claim against the government. That is the only way we can determine how much land will ultimately be given to us. Of course, we cannot press our claim for damages against the government if the land is returned to us.

It has probably come to your attention that Public Law 85-547 authorized suit before a three judge court to determine this controversy.

Last Friday I instituted such a suit in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona. I wish you would explain these circumstances to Commissioner O'Marr and state we have no objection to the matter being taken off the trial calendar until the present controversy is determined.

Sincerely,

JSB:hg

JOHN S. BOYDEN