

Crawford, James D (Superintendent, Hopi Agency), 4-30-1948, Letter to the  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Copy in Exhibit files (Exhibit 2) to Chambers  
and Lynch 1985 (q.v.). Copy courtesy Hopi Tribal Chairman's Office.

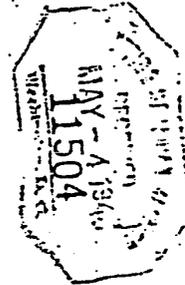
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Hopi Indian Agency  
Keams Canyon, Arizona  
April 30, 1948



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Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Department of the Interior  
Washington 25, D. C.

Sir:

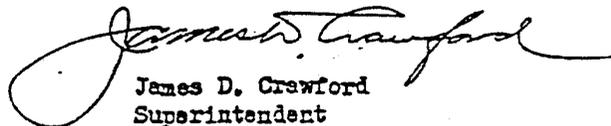
Reference is made to letters directed to you dated July 9 and December 5, 1947, copies of which are attached. Several new oil companies have requested leasing privileges and all of the old companies are continually requesting the privilege of bidding for oil and gas leases.

I cannot stress too much the importance of making a decision on the course of action to pursue. I have now had the opportunity of meeting with all of the village leaders about many of the important problems at Hopi. Because you have not answered our letters, I have not been in a position to discuss the oil leasing problem fully.

The letters we are now receiving from the oil companies are demanding quicker action and are becoming harder to satisfy with our answers. It is almost impossible to answer satisfactorily the questions from the oil companies without considerable embarrassment to all concerned. The need for additional supplies of petroleum is becoming more crucial each day; on the other hand, both the Hopis and Navajos need the thousands and thousands of dollars they are now losing because they are unable to lease their lands.

It is respectfully requested that you acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Respectfully,

  
James D. Crawford  
Superintendent

Enclosure

Exhibit 2