

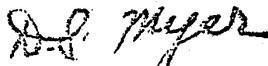
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Assuming that the present Council will not win the support of the people as a whole, but still assuming that the present organization can be made to function, then you should explore what can be done to bring about a representative and acceptable Council. It has been suggested that careful work with the traditional villages, particularly Shungopavi, might in time gain acceptance for the Council. Doubtless you will have some view as to the practicality of this suggestion.

We asked the legal staff to examine into the possibility of allowing Upper Moenkopi to adopt a written Constitution separate from Lower Moenkopi. The Constitution (Article IV, Sections 1 and 5 particularly) apparently precludes such separate organization, and Superintendent Crawford was so advised by this office a year or so ago. If written Constitutions were adopted at Moenkopi and New Oraibi, possibly some of the tensions would be relaxed.

Decisions in these matters should not be hurried, and the Hopis themselves should not have the impression that we expect prompt answers. On the other hand, the problem ought to be worked at persistently, and you and Superintendent Crawford should give to it all the time you possible can.

Sincerely yours,


Commissioner

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