

Nuvangoitewa, Wadsworth (Snake Priest), Alfred P. Joshongeva (One Horn Priest), Viets Lomahaftewa (Two Horn Priest), and Peter Nuvamsa, Sr., et al 5-1-1963, Letter to Louis J. O'Marr (Associate Commissioner, ICC). RG 279, Records of the Indian Claims Commission, Docket 210, folder 3 ("Supplemental file" sent to Archives). National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Hopi Village of Shungopavi
Second Mesa, Arizona

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Mr. Louis J. O'Marr,
Associate Commissioner
Indian Claims Commission
Federal Trade Building
Pennsylvania Ave. at Sixth St. NW.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear sir:

At our conference with you at Santa Fe, New Mexico in the month of December, 1956, relative to our petition Re: Hopi Village of Shungopavi V. United States, Docket No. 210, we were given until June 1, 1957 to employ an attorney to represent us.

It was our understanding that to fail to employ an attorney to represent us at the time of hearing, our Claim will be dismissed. Because we did not have the money to hire an attorney to handle our Land Claim, it must have been dismissed according to the Indian Claims Commission dictum.

However, we, at least, do invoke of your service that our Shungopavi Land Claim be filed on a permanent record. And since the intention of the Indian Claims Commission is definitely different, and against the desires of the Hopi people who prefer the restoration of the land, rather than accepting the money payments for their land, we could not agree. This is against our ancient doctrine of land rights.

Nevertheless, we, as a Hopi people have had for time immemorial and for generations to come, do desire to abide by our religious belief and a traditional form of government, which in turn, rooted to our land we love, and the fundamental principle of life. With this fundamental concept we shall look forward to the time when justice will evolve for our mutual understanding and benefit.

Yours very truly,

Wadsworth Nevoingiatew (Snake Priest)
Alfred P. Jashongwa (One Horn Priest)

By: Peter Lomahastewa (Two Horn Priest)
Peter Nevasan Sr.