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Hopi Indian Agency
Keams Canyon, Arizona

March 19, 1957

Mr. Talahofftewa
Grand Mesa
Arizona

Dear Sir:

This will refer to the petition filed before the Indian Claims Commission by the Village of Shungopavi, entitled Hopi Village of Shungopavi V. United States, Docket 210.

By letter dated December 21, 1956, directed to Mr. Wadsworth Nuvangoitewa, Louis J. O'Marr, Associate Commissioner, Indian Claims Commission, advised that the Village of Shungopavi has until June 1, 1957, to employ counsel to prosecute the subject Docket before the Claims Commission.

By letter dated February 4, 1957, Mr. O'Marr advised that the United States had filed a motion to consolidate the trial of the Shungopavi case, Docket 210, with that of Hopi of the First Mesa, Docket No. 196, and that of the Navajo Tribe of Indians, Docket No. 222; this due to the fact that substantially the same area is involved in each of the three claims. Mr. O'Marr advised that this action on the part of the Government made it advisable to employ an attorney with as little delay as possible.

In connection with the foregoing, certain facts are apparent:

1. The Hopi Tribe, through its Tribal Council, has employed Mr. John S. Boyden as the Claims Attorney.
2. The contract has been approved by the Bureau.
3. Mr. Boyden represents all the Hopi Tribe in presenting their land claim before the Indian Claims Commission.
4. The Village is not authorized to act for the Tribe in hiring an attorney to represent the Hopi Land Claim.

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5. The Indian Claims Commission cannot restore land but can award money damages only.

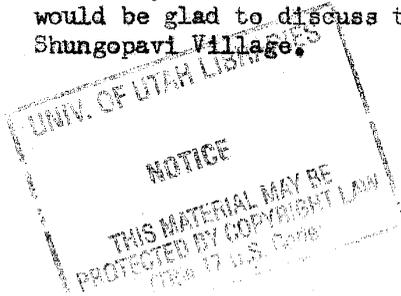
Irrespective of the foregoing, Bureau representatives stand ready to confer with village representatives and any attorney or attorneys the village may desire.

Attached you will please find copy of letter dated March 8, 1957, from W. Barton Greenwood, Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, directed to Mr. Fredrick M. Haverland, Area Director, which is self explanatory. You may note the suggestion that the Village of Shungopavi consider the employment of Mr. Boyden, since he has already been employed as Claims Attorney by the Hopi Tribe. I am sure Mr. Boyden would welcome all the help, information, and assistance the Village might be able to give him to more fully and successfully present the land claim of the Hopi Tribe.

For your information, Mr. Boyden will be here on Friday, March 29, to attend a meeting of the Tribal Council. I am sure he would be glad to discuss the matter with representatives of Shungopavi Village.

Sincerely yours,

H. E. O'Hara
H. E. O'Hara
Superintendent



Attachment

cc: Area Office, Phoenix w/o atchmt
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