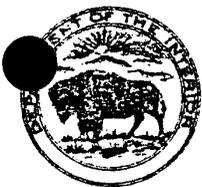


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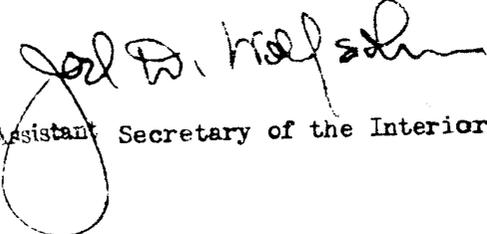
My dear Mr. Boyden:

This acknowledges your letter dated December 8, 1952, regarding the status of two contracts held by you with the Hopi Tribe of Indians in Arizona.

One of your contracts provides for the prosecution of tribal claims against the United States, and was approved by the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs on July 27, 1951. The other contract provides for general counsel services and was approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on May 29, 1952. Both contracts were approved under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs by Secretarial Order No. 2508, dated January 11, 1949 (14 F. R. 258, 260).

Upon review of the record, in the light of the statements made in your letter of September 17, 1952, the Department has found no sufficient basis for disturbing the action of the Commissioner and Acting Commissioner in approving the contracts mentioned above.

Sincerely yours,


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