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HOPI SOVEREIGN NATION

MUSHONGNOVI PUEBLO
SECOND MESA, VIA, ARIZONA

OCTOBER 16, 1976

MR. ALPH SECAKUKU
Supt. Hopi Agency
Keams Canyon, Arizona

Mr. Secakuku:

Mormon Lawyer, John S. Boyden from Salt Lake City, Utah who does not represent Hopi Kikmongwis or Traditional Pueblos has finally opened and revealed his true evil habits and character in representing the so-called Hopi Tribal Council, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Land Claim Commission and the Government of the United States by presenting to the Hopi Sovereign Nation this week the so-called Proposed Settlement of Indian Claims Commission Docket No. 196 in which John S. Boyden offered to the Hopi People $5,000,000.00 for lands that has been stolen not only from the Hopi Sovereign Nation but all First People who first discovered and occupied all lands which Whitemen calls Americas.

It is unthinkable and down right treason for any Hopi or Native First People to sell their sacred homeland for a few pieces of white man's money. Being a Hopi and in a position to protect and maintain Hopiland you should know that to accept this bait is absolutely contrary to all of our Spiritual and Religious Instructions and Warnings which all Initiated Hopi Religious Society Leaders have taught us.

We have met in Mushongnovi last night and all agreed to hold another meeting in Shungopavy Two-Horned Society Kiva at 1:00 P.M. this afternoon. Representatives from all Traditional Pueblos have strongly requested that you come to this meeting and explain to the Hopi People your views on this vital issue.

Mormon Lawyer John S. Boyden, yourself and Abbott Sekaquaptewa all have posted Notices for a meeting in Orabi Day School on October 30, 1976 to decide on this uncalled for Proposal which Boyden has drafted. This is a very serious matter involving our homeland, our way of life, religion and our children. The United States Government has been working on this for a long time but, has given the Hopi People only two weeks to decide. This is rediculous! On October 30, 1976, our Sacred Women Society Lolocon Ceremony will be performed and our Religious Leaders do not want this to be desacreled by anyone. Therefore you are urgently requested again to come to Shungopavy meeting this afternoon. On behalf of our Kikmongwis we the One-Horn and Two-Horn Society Leaders have authorized Ralph Charlie, Otis Polelonma and our Interpreter, Thomas Banyacya to present you this letter.

KIKMONGWI OF SHUNGOPAVY [signature]
KIKMONGWI OF ORABI [signature]

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