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Vernon Masayesva, Chairman
Hopi Tribal Council
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Dear Chairman Masayesva:

I am writing to you about the post-partition rent matter that your lawyer, Tim Atkeson, discussed on the telephone yesterday with my lawyer, Patterson Joe. I have been advised that the Hopi Tribe has rejected the Navajo Nation's offer of \$454,341.00 to settle the post-partition rent matter. The Navajo Nation's offer was contained in my December 6, 1991 letter to you.

With respect to the Hopi Tribe's demand that the Navajo Nation agree to pay whatever the District Court decrees in the case, the Navajo Nation has not accepted or rejected that demand. The Navajo Nation believes that it is quite unreasonable and unrealistic to be asked to agree to pay for something without knowing what that amount is or will be or the validity of the way in which the amount is computed.

The Navajo Nation therefore respectfully requests the Hopi Tribe to reconsider its position on this matter. We for our part, are willing to review the computation with Hopi representatives to arrive at a mutually acceptable figure. We have both moved forward too far for either of us to now become entrenched in a monetary issue. I believe that we can still reach an agreement to settle this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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