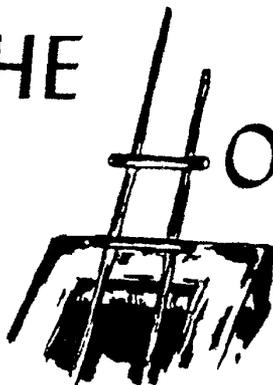


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SUBJECT: Construction Request From Mae and Askie Tso

Dear Messrs. Joe and Phillips:

The Hopi Tribe received a request from Mr. Phillips on behalf of [REDACTED] to replace a hogan at their homesite on the Hopi Reservation. Mr. Joe has indicated that the request should be treated as one from the Navajo Nation. The Hopi Tribe has treated the request as one from the Navajo Nation. Pursuant to an agreement with Mr. Phillips, the Hopi Tribe's time to respond to the request was extended to January 29, 1992.

The request seeks permission to replace a structure described as a dilapidated hogan located at the [REDACTED] homesite. On January 14, 1992, a Hopi field monitor visited the [REDACTED] homesite and conducted an inspection of the exterior and interior of the hogan in question.

The hogan is approximately 25 feet in diameter. The foundation and walls consist of cinder block materials built half-way up the walls. The cinder block foundation and walls are not in a deteriorated condition. Frame stuccoed walls complete the structure. Cracks in the exterior stuccoed walls can be observed. There are three oversized windows. Roofing materials appear worn in places but rood decking appears okay. Drip edges around the exterior roof are worn. On the interior, the dirt floor is uneven; signs of roof water leakage are observable; there are cracks in the ceiling dry wall; and the door to the

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outside is worn-out. Photographs taken at the time of the inspection indicate a hole in the roof that is larger than the stove pipe, allowing warm interior air to escape. No other observations as to needed repairs or renovations were identified at the time of the inspection.

At the time of the inspection, it was apparent that the hogan is currently in use. Based on the field report, health and safety considerations for [REDACTED] family members using the hogan lead the Hopi Tribe to approve the repairs and renovations described below. However, because the repairs and renovations will meet the health and safety needs of people using this hogan, it is not dilapidated. The Hopi Tribe disapproves the request to replace this hogan with a new hogan.

The Hopi Tribe approves the following repairs or renovations to the hogan inspected on January 14, 1992:

1. Cracks in the exterior walls may be patched.
2. Windows of appropriate size may be installed in the existing window frames.
3. Roofing materials may be replaced, but not decking.
4. Drip edges may be repaired.
5. A wooden floor may be installed.
6. A new exterior door that fits the existing door frame may be installed.
7. Cracks in the ceiling dry wall may be patched.
8. A chimney kit may be installed.

The repairs or renovations approved by the Hopi Tribe will make this hogan safe and healthy for use by members of the [REDACTED] family, based on information obtained at the January 14, 1992 inspection. No other repairs or renovations than those described in this letter may be performed. If you believe the Hopi Tribe overlooked some aspect of the structure needing repair or reconstruction to make the hogan safe and healthy, please so advise.

Sincerely,

Arnold Taylor, Sr.

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The Hopi Tribe