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Miss Laura Gilpin  
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Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Miss Gilpin:

I am glad to know that the map has been forwarded to you by the Hopi Agency. The area marked in red, and labeled Hopi-Navajo is the 1882 Executive Order Reservation boundary; the green area lying within this boundary is now exclusively the property of the Hopi Tribe. All territories within the boundary of the 1882 Executive Order Reservation, lying outside of District 6 (the portion that is exclusively Hopi) is owned jointly by the Navajo and Hopi Tribes. Each of them has an equal, though undivided interest in the surface and subsurface resources of the area outside District 6.

The Navajo and Hopi Tribes have established a joint negotiating committee which is presently concerned with determining how the joint area is to be administered, so far as the tribes themselves are concerned. The Hopi Tribe, and its attorney, are presently supporting legislation designed to partition the undivided portion of the Executive Order Reservation. The legislation has not been approved by Congress, to date.

The arrangement regarding the Executive Order Reservation of 1882 is an outgrowth of the findings and conclusions of the special three judge federal court, established pursuant to Public Law 85-547 to resolve the long standing dispute between the Navajo and Hopi Tribes. The findings of the court were issued on September 28, 1962.

I am returning your bibliography card with the correct spelling of the Navajo names for the four Sacred Mountains.

We will inquire of the Branch of Roads to determine whether or not a map of the Navajo country is available from this office. If none is available, it will be necessary for you to request a map from the mining department of the Navajo Tribe, Window Rock, Arizona.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert W. Young*  
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Tribal Operations Officer

Enclosure