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United States Indian Service,

Moquis Pueblo Indian Agency, Arizona

January 11th, 1881

To the Hon^{ble} Commissioner Indian Affairs
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

I have the honor to say - that about the middle of December 1880, I received a letter from the Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson, directing me to procure five (5) Moquis Children, for the boarding school at Carlisle - Penn. or Hampton, directing that they should be girls or a majority of them, defining their out-fit and that I afford them transportation and deliver them at Albuquerque N. Mex. at once.

As I had no directions from you on the subject and did not know him to be authorized to have any control, over the affairs of this Agency, and besides I was worrying goods over from Defiance, with which to meet the absolute necessities of the Moquis People on the last day of the month (general disbursement day) I, by letter

requested him to let me alone in the management of the affairs of this Agency.

But on the 5th of this month, your instructions in regard to the matter, and in the same mail another letter from ^{him} saying he wanted the children on the 15th inst., I replied to him by letter, that I had received your instructions and would do all I could to comply with no hope, however, of procuring one candidate even, for the place; There is no hope at present; it is a work of time, to bring them up to the point when they will be willing to trust their children to the care of strangers, so far from home. I have talked with all the Chiefs on the subject also others of their hoodmoo who are parents, They are the most timid people in the U.S. I believe, The Agent may so far gain their confidence, by presents and kindness, as to sometime, be able to procure them, no stranger need approach them on the subject.

I am your most obedient Servant
John H. Sullivan
U. S. Agent. Moquis Pueblo