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Memorandum

Regional Director, Region Three To:

Acting Chief of Design and Construction From:

Subject: Master Plan Development Outline, Hovenweep

The General Information and Park Operation Prospectus sections, transmitted with Mr. Cornell's memorandum of June 26, 1952, were recommended on September 15, 1952 by Mr. W.G. Carnes as Acting Chief of Design and Construction and approved on April 7 by Acting Director Thomas J. Allen.

We have noted under "Master Plan Status" that a General Development Plan has been received and approved. We believe that it would be desirable to include a Topographic and Archeological Base Map in the Master Plan as a guide for further planning.

In the Operation Prospectus there are several indications that a large increase in attendance is expected in the near future. It would be desirable to indicate, under "Management Plans - Developed Areas," how much use the area can stand without excessive damage and what control measures are or may be necessary to prevent excessive or adverse development and use. You will recall that early development plans for Wupatki Ruin were modified on the basis that the structures planned would offer excessive competition to the ruin. At Montezuma Castle, substitution of the model instead of the ladder trip is an example of one type of control measure. "Management Plans- Developed Areas" should represent an effort to foresee and avoid adverse development or operational methods which would be difficult to change. It is not intended that a list of proposed facilities be included under this heading.

Acting Chief of Design and Construction

In triplicate

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