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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
REGION THREE  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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May 18, 1942.  
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MEMORANDUM for Acting Superintendent,  
Southwestern National Monuments:

Reference is made to your telephone conversation with Custodian Miller of May 13, concerning the Hovenweep fencing. Custodian Miller informed the writer concerning your conversation of that date.

For your information the following points and recommendations covering fencing at Hovenweep National Monument are presented:

It was found that the survey in Colorado T 36 N, R 20 W, Lot 4 and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 2 included the Horseshoe group and missed the Hackberry group. This Horseshoe group survey includes two sets of ruins located about 800 feet apart. The enclosed pencil approximate sketch further clears this as to location of present surveyed boundary location of ruins, location of roads and location of the Hackberry group of ruins.

It is recommended that the Horseshoe group, which fits our legal land ownership description be fenced as originally planned. Note that it will be necessary to cross only one canyon on the south boundary; that most of the posts can be driven instead of drilled; that both sets of ruins can be enclosed in one fence; that the road to the Holly House group does not cross the west boundary as originally thought. It is also called to your attention that fencing each ruin separately means crossing several canyons, drilling nearly every hole and very little savings in materials.

Fencing material on hand at the ruins is enough to fence as originally planned, the Cajon group, the two forties of the Hovenweep Castle group, as discussed on the ground there with you, the Holly House group, the Horseshoe group, and have material left for fencing the Hackberry group with an enclosure of 150 feet on a side.

In conference with Custodian Miller it was found that he concurred in this recommendation of fencing as originally planned. The writer believes that more Soil and Moisture Conservation will be accomplished by fencing the above mentioned Horseshoe group according to the legal land ownership description as originally planned.

Your concurrence on this recommendation is requested. Please advise this headquarters your decision on this matter with copies to Custodian Miller and Foreman Millenau. Mr. Millenau was requested to hold off fencing on the Horseshoe group and Hackberry group until he hears from you on this decision.