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May 20, 1942.

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region Three.

Receipt is acknowledged of Regional Soil Conservationist Balch's memorandum of May 15 enclosing a copy of a self-explanatory letter from Mr. Joel David Wolfsohn of the General Land Office, to the Director, concerning surveys at Hovenweep National Monument.

Since the Director's office was informed by your office that the Hovenweep fencing must be completed prior to June 30, 1942, it is assumed that the General Land Office will provide assistance at Hovenweep before the fencing on the Colorado portions of the monument is completed.

Custodian Miller of Aztec Ruins National Monument called this office on May 14, advising that he had just returned from Hovenweep where he had checked the boundary surveys with Engineering Aide Widman and Foreman Mullenau. It was my understanding that the boundaries of the various detached portions of Hovenweep National Monument had been reestablished in accordance with the original notes, and that the fencing was going ahead on this basis. Mr. Miller informed the undersigned that the resurvey of the Hackberry House section of the monument placed this ruin outside of the reestablished boundary, but included Horseshoe House. In view of this information, Mr. Miller was directed to inform Mr. Mullenau not to fence this detached section of the monument, but to fence around these two ruins to exclude stock. This decision was based upon the facts that the reestablished boundaries did not include all of the ruins for which this portion of the area was set aside, and this office prefers not to fence this portion until the boundaries have been definitely reestablished by the General Land Office.

Since dictating this memorandum we have received Regional Soil Conservationist Balch's memorandum of May 16, referring to my telephone conversation with Custodian Miller, and recommending that the fencing of the Hackberry section of Hovenweep National Monument be constructed in accordance with the recent survey reestablishing the boundaries in accordance with the original survey notes of this area.