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Tower Group: Hovenweep Memorandum**

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Region Three
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Hovenweep
504

December 13, 1949

Memorandum

To: Director
From: Regional Archeologist
Subject: Information sheet on Hovenweep

We received Mr. Evison's memorandum of December 8 on this subject just after finally running off a few hundred copies of the mimeographed two-page leaflet on Hovenweep, as revised. Two copies have already been forwarded to your office.

The leaflet is, as Mr. Evison mentions, headed "United States Department of the Interior - National Park Service" (in capital letters), and in the text reference is made to "Mesa Verde National Park" as well as to "Hovenweep National Monument," so that it should be clear to the reader that Hovenweep National Monument is administered by the National Park Service. Undoubtedly, however, it would be desirable to have a more or less standardized beginning statement, in this and other similar leaflets, to the effect that "Hovenweep National Monument, set aside by presidential proclamation in 1923 to protect and preserve its unique archeological remains, is one of the numerous historical areas of the National Park System. Administered by the United States Department of the Interior through the National Park Service, it is * * * " The heading would then be unnecessary, perhaps, and the sheet could be headed simply "Hovenweep National Monument" in capitals.

In the case of Hovenweep for the present, as well as for Yucca House and Gila Cliff Dwellings, we do not wish to encourage travel and consequently no sketch-maps or exact road directions are given.

These additions can, however, be made at once, and the current revised edition discarded, if that is considered advisable. The inquiry in Mr. Evison's final paragraph regarding quantities used of such mimeographed leaflets will be taken up in a separate memorandum.

(SIGNED)

Erik K. Reed
Regional Archeologist

Copy to: Superintendent, Mesa Verde, with copy of incoming
NOTE TO MESA VERDE: PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR REACTION TO THE SUGGESTION IN MR. EVISON'S LAST PARAGRAPH.

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