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Hovenweep National Monument

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**US Dept of Interior (NPS) Hovenweep National Monument Square
Tower Group: Hovenweep Memorandum**

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canyon rim pueblo and extensive talus structures. The same is true at Holly. In the Square Tower group were numerous pueblos. Hovenweep House and Hovenweep Castle were fair sized pueblos. Under the Castle is evidence of an extensive talus structure. Down the canyon were numerous talus pueblos and under the Twin Towers is evidence of extensive occupation of the talus.

When all this is added up it appears that there were enough canyon rim and talus pueblos to house several hundred people. And that is probably as many as the area could have supported.

For this second paragraph on page three we would suggest something like the following:

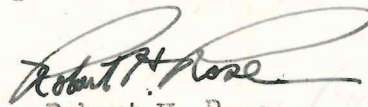
"To the person who visits the monument for the first time the towers are the most spectacular feature. Even more important, archeologically, are the numerous ruins of pueblos for it was in these structures that the Indians lived. Some of the pueblos were on the canyon rims but most of them were on the canyon slopes below. In almost every case where a high tower stands on the canyon rim a pueblo is to be found on the talus beneath.

The Indians who lived in these pueblos were farmers who raised corn, beans and squash on the nearby mesa tops. They built their homes around the springs in the canyon heads so they could defend the all-important water supply. Lacking a view from the talus villages they constructed the high towers on the canyon rims above. The towers served as lookouts and as defensive structures in case of enemy attack.

The culture here was nearly identical with that of the Mesa Verde people....etc."

Since writing the above we have checked to see what Fewkes had to say about semi-circular towers. He called some of the towers semi-circular, then called the same ones D-shaped. Certainly the latter is preferable as semi-circular, to most people, would indicate a crescent-shaped structure.

We certainly appreciate the fact that you will be able to mimeograph a supply of the revised leaflet. We get few calls for information on Hovenweep so 150 copies will last us indefinitely.



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Superintendent

Attachment

