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

June 10, 1948.

Mrs. Harriet H. Miller,
P. O. Box 58,
Grand Canyon, Arizona.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 7 concerning Yucca House and Hovenweep National Monuments. I am enclosing several pieces of mimeographed literature on each of these areas.

Because of the lack of development and protection facilities for these monuments it has been the policy of the National Park Service for some time to discourage travel to them. Therefore, in most of our descriptive literature neither of the monuments is mentioned, we discourage map companies from placing the monument on their maps, and we do not wish to install road signs. We have never received sufficient funds for personnel to guard these perishable areas, and consequently cannot protect them from the increased visitation which would result if good signs were installed.

Yucca House is of little interest to the average person in its present unexcavated condition. Hovenweep is highly vulnerable to vandalism, is so spread out that the persons become lost trying to find the various groups of ruins, and, all in all, is not yet ready for heavy travel.

I am glad to see that you are taking a trip through the national monuments of the north and then back to California. I hope you have a very pleasant time.

Cordially,

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