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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In reply refer to: *McColm*  
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*H. A. Richey*  
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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region Three

From: Chief of Lands

Subject: Correct Acreage, Hovenweep National Monument

This has reference to Mr. McColm's memorandum of March 11 attaching a copy of one of March 6 from Superintendent Rose on the above subject.

While we realize that, in 1944, we advised you to change the original Monument area from 285.80 to 299.34 acres, since it appears that the latter figure is nearly correct, the acreage of 285.80 was called to our attention by the Bureau of Land Management when the proposed Monument extension was being considered by the Bureau. The 1942 survey merely delineates a retracement and re-establishment of lines and corners of the original survey made in 1889. Moreover, the Bureau insists that the original acreage should stand in all records.

Accordingly, when the Monument was extended recently, we changed our records again to reflect the original figure and failed, inadvertently, to advise you. Even though we believe the figure of 423.86 acres to be nearer correct than 410.32 acres, we feel that, to conform strictly to Bureau of Land Management survey and mapping procedure, the latter figure should be used in our statistical records.

*Charles A. Richey*  
Charles A. Richey  
Chief of Lands

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