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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
REGION THREE
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

November 25, 1947.

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region Three.

Last week, on November 18, I visited, with Park Naturalist Watson, the Goodman Point ruins, in sec. 4, T. 36 N., R. 17 W., New Mexico principal meridian, Montezuma County, Colorado, withdrawn by Departmental order on September 16, 1889.

There has been very little recent vandalism or other deterioration since my previous inspection 12 years ago of the Goodman Point ruins reservation. The main site is even bigger than I had remembered, in horizontal extent--approximately 500 feet by 350 feet overall. Not much of it stands to second-story height, however. This main site is in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the section; possibly an area of less than a quarter section would suffice to protect it. Careful survey by a qualified engineer would be necessary to determine this. In any case, however, there are several small and inconspicuous sites in other locations in the reserved section--one close to the southwest corner, for example, and another on the north boundary near the east-west center.

I found no reason to withdraw or modify my recommendation of 1935-1941, concurred in from time to time between 1936 and 1940 by Superintendent Pinkley, Chief Historian Lee, and the Regional Office, and specifically submitted to the Director by the Regional Office in 1941, that the Goodman Point reservation should be made a detached addition to Hovenweep National Monument.

Since there are in addition to the great main ruin small archeological sites, possibly including quite early and important ones, scattered widely over the section; since except for this reserve and the existing sections of Hovenweep National Monument the extremely abundant and varied archeological sites in this area are otherwise unprotected and have been largely vandalized or destroyed; since the withdrawn section has for many years been regarded, and respected, as a government reservation, apparently without arousing local opposition--I recommend that no reduction of the area be made.

No additional expense to the government is involved in the addition, as proposed, of this area to Hovenweep National Monument. The only activity necessary in this connection is occasional patrol by a National