

HAWLEY
SEE ME
ON

Executive Office
State House
Phoenix, Arizona

Date May 17, 1974

Respectfully referred to: GOVERNOR WILLIAMS

Subject: Suggested Western Union Wire by Congressman Steiger

Tab "A" - Suggested wire

1. Sam Steiger would like you to send a copy of the attached suggested night wire to his office today.
2. H. R. 10337 was introduced by Congressman Owens of Utah--it is similar to a bill which Congressman Steiger introduced in 1972--was passed by the House and defeated in the Senate. It is for the partition of the land in the Hopi-Navajo disputed area and would authorize \$26, 000, 000 to relocate the Navajos. The partition lines would be decided by the Federal court.

It does implement past decisions of the Courts as regards the use of the land by both Tribes.

3. Both Senator Goldwater and Fannin support this bill--and have introduced a companion bill in the Senate.
4. The Hopi Tribe supports the bill.

The Navajo Tribe opposes the bill.

John Conlan opposes it.

You have not been involved in this dispute to date--you have taken the position

~~Governor of Arizona~~

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that it is a Federal matter.

Steiger feels the bill is in danger and wants your support. It is his intention to use the suggested wire to influence those Congressmen who have not yet reached a decision as to how to vote. Though the wire would be sent to his office--you will note the salutation is "Dear Congressman" and intentionally does not include Steiger's names.

5. Subjectively, I would like the wire sent--but objectively, suggest it not be sent. I see no overwhelming reasons for you to become involved. The decision has to be reached at the Federal level.

RECOMMEND:

1. You do not send the wire as requested.
2. Sam Steiger is so wrapped up in this Bill--that if you had time to personally call him--it would be great.
3. I notify Steiger's office you do not wish to change your policy of being neutral in the matter.

Hawley Atkinson

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Attachment