

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., September 23, 1968.

Senator GEORGE MCGOVERN,
Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR MCGOVERN: The New Brunswick Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) wishes to express its concern for the return of the Blue Lake Area to the Indians of the Taos Pueblo. The significance of this area for both religious and physical sustenance makes it imperative that our government return to the Indians what according to the Indian Claims Commission of 1965 should never have been taken from them.

We ask that your committee act favorably on legislation comparable to H.R. 3306, the contents of which are acceptable to the members of the Pueblo.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN E. BRUSH,
Clerk, New Brunswick Monthly Meeting,
Religious Society of Friends.

NEWTOWN PREPARATIVE MEETING,
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS,
Newtown, Conn., Sept. 20, 1968.

Senator GEORGE MCGOVERN,
Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR MCGOVERN: It has been brought to my attention that hearings have begun on Bill 3306 which was passed by the House on June 18, 1968 concerning the Blue Lake Area being returned to the Indians of the Taos Pueblo.

Since this bill is acceptable to the Indians, and the amendments proposed by Senator Anderson were not acceptable to the Indians, I am urging you and your committee to pass the bill as it now stands.

If the Blue Lake Area is opened to the public and to commercial lumbering, it would soon become polluted and since it belongs rightfully to the Indians, it would be a tragedy to allow this to happen.

Sincerely,

KERSTIN TRIBBY.

JULY 3, 1968.

Hon. CLINTON P. ANDERSON,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MR. ANDERSON: We are appealing to you, Senator Anderson, to properly represent the people of New Mexico on this Taos Blue Lake Bill.

This country seems to be swayed too much by sentiment and not enough study of actual facts. For one thing, the statement by the Taos Indians that they were never paid for that land isn't true. The money stayed in a bank account and later was used for their own benefit.

Cutting off this land from the people of New Mexico can affect the entire state because of the watershed. This is a very serious matter and should be considered very carefully in the senate. I don't see how the House could have passed such a bill.

Sincerely,

LLOYD DORAND.

PHILADELPHIA, September 26, 1968.

Senator HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Interior and Insular Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: Blue Lake, sacred to the Taos Indians of New Mexico, part of Carson National Forest was taken from the Indians without consultation or compensation 50 years ago. We urge that your Committee restore these 48,000 acres to the Indians as already approved by the House of Representatives.

Very truly yours,

KATHARINE McC. ARNETT.
JOHN H. ARNETT, M.D.