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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region Three.

Reference is made to Associate Naturalist Dodge's memorandum of December 30, 1943 regarding difficulty with Indians hunting on the monument during the 1943 deer season. I believe that the problem was satisfactorily solved in 1942. A few "moccasin tracks" were seen on patrols during the past hunting season, but they presumably were made by only one or at least a few individuals. Certainly no "tribal hunt" was held on the monument last fall and from my view point the situation is much improved. We probably will never be able to exclude the individual Indian who sneaks into the monument occasionally, but it seems our action last year has discouraged the group hunting with the blessing of the Pueblo and its officials.

Certainly the support received from the State Game Department was largely responsible for the Governor of the Pueblo and the Council refusing to sanction the ceremonial hunt in the monument which has lead to slaughter in the past. I think we would not be remiss in acknowledging the fine aid given us by the Department in solution of our problem.

Chester A. Thomas,
Custodian.