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MISSION INDIAN AGENCY,  
Riverside, Calif.,  
November 27, 1933. ✓

The Honorable Henry E. Stubbs,  
Santa Maria, Calif.

Dear Mr. Stubbs:

With reference to your letter of November 25, making inquiry regarding the Indians of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, I take pleasure in giving you the following information:

1. We have no reservations in Ventura County and but one, Santa Ynez Reservation, in Santa Barbara County. These are known as Mission Indians.
2. The census taken as of April 1, 1933 shows a population of 92 on the Santa Ynez Reservation.
3. The Santa Ynez Reservation comprises 75.75 acres, and while it is a reservation, the title to the land is not in the United States. The Indians reside on it, and have use and occupancy only. The land was originally owned by the Catholic Church--the Collego Rancho---and later sold to others, but the Catholic Church made an agreement with the Government permitting the Indians the use and occupancy of the land, and this agreement is binding on later purchasers.
4. These Indians are all of Shoshonean origin, with an admixture of Spanish. The truth of the matter is, they resent being classed as Indians. A former parish priest stated that there were but few of this tribe he called genuine Indians, the others being mixed bloods who do not call themselves Indians, nor do they desire to be so called. Many of them live away from the reservation, and in fact have lost their identity as Indians. Children of these Indians are entered in schools as "Spanish".
5. The birth rate of the full-blooded Indians

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naturally is decreasing, owing to their assimilation into the general population. Conversely, the birth rate of the mixed bloods is increasing, by virtue of the same reason.

6. All Indians are citizens of the United States, and the same laws govern them as any other citizen.

Hoping this information will be of some service to you, and trusting you will call upon me if I can be of further help, I remain,

Very truly yours,

John W. Dady,  
Superintendent.

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