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To: Programmatic Agreement Signatories

From: Christopher Coder, Project Archaeologist

Subject: Surface analysis units.

Date: March 18, 1996

After two years of documenting the movement of surface materials at select archaeological sites in the river corridor it has become apparent to the project personnel in the field that no connection can be made between the operations of Glen Canyon Dam and artifact movement. In fact the correlation between movement of cultural materials and any specific mechanism is dubious. It has been established that the some of the artifacts do indeed move. It has also been established that others do not. The personnel involved with this task are concerned that costly field time is being used poorly with no positive results being gained. Numerous field experiments of this nature have been conducted over the last several years within the profession with similar inconclusive results being achieved. This previous work is being compiled into a short paper which will be presented at the next meeting of the signatories to justify our recommendation.

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