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In accordance with your regulations, I as special Ind. agent for the Counties of Mariposa & Toulumne submit the following report. Since my appointment in August 1854 and proceeded immediately upon the discharge of my duties, I visited all the different tribes in said Counties & from the Estimate which I made would say that there are seven hundred Indians there.

A large majority of them are in the habit of living a part of each year upon the different Reservations in the state, and seem to properly appreciate the object for which the Reservations are established. They are remarkably peaceable and quiet, no complaint to my knowledge having been made against any of them within the past year. The most of these Indians spend a part of each year in the mountains where they subsist by mining, hunting & fishing and resort to the Reservations when forced by the inclemency of the weather or scarcity of Game, many of the men and boys are employed upon Ranches situated in the foot hills and in the San.

Joaquin Plains, and from their long association
with the whites have acquired a knowledge
of some of the arts of civilization.

The Indians living to the
east of the Sierra Nevada mountains in the vicinity
of Mono Lake occasionally visit the Yosemite
Valley. The Monas are very numerous and the people
residing upon Walker's River have petitioned for the
Establishment of an agency there. They claim to
be in California. I would most respectfully
advise a compliance with their wishes
all of which is respectfully submitted

Signed
Santiago Dec 1st 58

J. J. Herbert
Special Agent