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Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan will visit Scottsdale, Arizona, September 15, 1989, to sign the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Water Rights Settlement Act. The ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m., at the Tribal Headquarters, 10005 East Osborne, in Scottsdale.

The agreement provides for the settlement of longstanding water right claims with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Under the pact, 122,400 acre feet of water will be delivered annually to the Indian community for the irrigation of 27,200 acres of agricultural land.

The Act, settling over two years of negotiations, continues to show Secretary Lujan's commitment to the resolution of Indian rights issues. "I am pleased, that after so many years, with so many claimants involved that this matter was resolved for the benefit of all Arizonans," stated Lujan.

SUMMARY PRESS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 1989

11:00 a.m. Secretary arrives at Tribal Headquarters.
11:05 a .m. Conducts signing ceremony and gives brief REMARKS
11:15 a.m Begins press conference with invited guests.
11:45 a.m Press conference concludes
12:00 p.m. Attends luncheon at Tribal Headquarters commemorating event.
1:00 p.m. Secretary departs