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Hon Commissioner
of Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose a communication from the foreman of gang of Indians on the dam.

In consequence of the exhaustion of funds allowed for completion of this work operations were suspended on the 8th inst. The carrying away of a portion of the dam as reported in letter of Feby 4th will necessitate the expenditure of an additional sum to complete the work, or its abandonment. An estimate of the amount needed to complete is forwarded herewith. If this is allowed it should be made

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available at the earliest practicable moment in order to insure the finishing of the work before the rainy season sets in. If left in its present condition it will surely be destroyed.

I have turned the gang of Indians on the little dam and ditch as authorized by letter of Feby 5th (Rec'd 71734), and will drive the work pending receipt of reply to this communication. All authorities hereafter granted should be made to read "to myself or successor in office" until I am relieved.

Very Respectfully
D. M. Riordan