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Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Sir: Re: Relief Work and Relief Activities on Navajo Jurisdictions in Arizona

Reference is made to recent conferences and field trips covering various sections of the Navajo Country with Mr. R. R. Reed, representative of the State Relief Administration and representatives of the Soil Erosion Service and various Superintendents, or their representatives relative to the Water problems on the Navajo Jurisdictions and the type of Water development that might be carried on as a drought relief measure by the State Relief Administration.

The relief activity on Navajo Jurisdictions was originated by a wire from Secretary of Agriculture, H. A. Wallace, to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, Washington, D. C., expressing the belief that it was of crucial importance to the Navajo Indians to sink a number of driven wells; hence, this subject was taken up with Miss F. M. Warner, State Relief Administration, Phoenix, Ariz., who was represented by Mr. R. R. Reed.

It was our hope that a water development program could be developed for the Navajo Indians and carried out through the State Relief Administration; but it is now the feeling of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration that due to the fact that the Emergency Conservation work is already engaged in emergency water development on the reservations, it does not seem necessary for the Relief Administration to take up similar work on the same reservation at this time.

Respectfully,

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