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NAVAJO SERVICE
Window Rock, Arizona
March 29, 1938

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. H. E. Holman
FROM: J. O. Woods
SUBJECT: The School Farm at Ft. Defiance

Yesterday Mr. Hall Stenz, Mr. Fred Croxen, and I went to Ft. Defiance and made some investigations relative to farm equipment which is available for use on the Ft. Defiance school farm. Mr. Stenz had already received a request for the transfer of part of this equipment to Shiprock. However, we worked out satisfactory arrangements for him to retain for use at Ft. Defiance a sufficient amount of the kinds of equipment which are available and suitable for our use. Mr. Stenz is sending you a list of the equipment which will be left at Ft. Defiance.

Regarding the disposition and use of the farm land, I suggest that the land be divided as follows: A small piece of land, one acre more or less, which is very near the Chapter House and separated from the other fields be given Mr. Don Hansen for a garden; that the tract on the north side of the main road and west of the road leading to the Good Shepherd Mission be assigned to Mr. Croxen for use as a site for his police barracks and police farm; that the field on the north side of the main road and east of the road leading to the Good Shepherd Mission be divided into two separate tracts more or less equal in size, and one of these tracts be assigned to Hosten Ayse who has been farming in the tract which Mr. Croxen wants, and that the other one of these tracts be assigned to another Indian who has also been farming in this area and whose name I do not know. I also suggest that you assume control of all of the land on the south side of the main road, including the land already in alfalfa and not planted, and that you operate this as a sawmill feed project.

I do not know just what the cost would be of preparing the land for seeding, which I suggest that you operate as a sawmill feed project. There are about seven acres which are in the first field to the left of the road going toward Ft. Defiance, which land has been ripped but will require some leveling before it is

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seeded. There is also a small piece of land adjacent to the field which is already in alfalfa upon which there is no crop. This land would probably not require leveling but would need to be plowed and a seed bed prepared for alfalfa. Alfalfa seed will cost approximately 30¢ per pound and the amount per acre varies from 15 to 20 pounds.

If this arrangement meets with your approval I believe Education is ready to turn over to Land-Use Administration the entire agricultural land along with the equipment which is available just as it is, pending a survey which is now in progress to determine the amount of land in each parcel.

J. O. Woods
Agronomist

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