

Irrigation.
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March 25th, 1926.

The Honorable,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

After the Hopi Indians of the Moen-Copi Village here had begun the task that is referred to in the Office's letter of the 18th instant, marked as is shown above, they found that the caving sands made the work many times more difficult and heavy than was at first anticipated. I finally persuaded them to accept aid and gave them the loan of eight inch steel pipe they laid in section by section at a little below water level. Thru this pipe a stream of water was finally started and the remaining sand was washed away until the entire head of water held back by the sand drift could be released. Hundreds of tons of sand were then washed to lower lands so that for the present and perhaps for some years to come there is no more danger of the encroaching sand again stopping the flow of water.

At every opportunity it was urged on the Hopis that just as soon as there is danger of the flow of water again being stopped they accept the tender of conduit that has been made them and when this emergency does arise it is likely that they can be made to see the reasonableness of accepting the materials required and which they can haul and install as their contribution to the carrying out of the plan.

Very respectfully,

Harvey K. Meyer.

Superintendent.

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(Carbon copy to Supervising Engineer H. F. Robinson.)

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