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Jan. 19th, 1926.

The Honorable,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

A very serious situation has arisen here which will result in our Hopi Indians not having water to irrigate their crops this coming season if not remedied without delay.

Some thirteen years ago a masonry tunnel was built to convey water from the Agency's Canyon Pasture thru an encroaching sand hill to Hopi fields below and on into their storage reservoirs. In a heavy rain last fall a part of this tunnel caved in, forming a dam behind which the accumulating waters are being held and preventing the flow into the storage reservoirs.

Yesterday I went over the situation with Superintendent of Construction Jos. L. Smoot and we concluded that the task was too great and difficult a one for the Hopis or our local force of employees to handle without aid. It is asked, therefore, that the Office arrange to secure the help of the Irrigation Branch of our Service to supervise the work the Hopis will do to restore the flow of water on which they depend for their summer's crops.

This special flow of water here is used exclusively by the Hopi Indians.

Trusting something can be done immediately, I remain,

Very respectfully,

Harvey K. Meyer.
Superintendent.

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Carbon copy to Supervising Engineer H. F. Robinson.

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