

Navajo Bureau
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MEMORANDUM for the Commissioners:

It is considered that the best practical development of irrigation for the Navajo Indians would consist of (a) the completion of the existing irrigation projects on the Navajo Reservation to an actual use status, and (b) the concurrent development of the Colorado River Project to permit of its use by the Navajo Indians of the lands not needed by the Indians now residing there. Construction of these projects is now proceeding, but at a rate all too slow and probably should be accelerated.

The cost of the completion of the Navajo projects is summarized as follows:

Fruitland, Extensions and Subjugation, 2,545 acres - - -	\$151,000
Hogback, Extension and Subjugation, 2,200 acres - - -	138,000
Many Farms, Extensions and Subjugation, 3,500 acres - -	220,000
Surveys for San Juan and Little Colorado Drainage - -	<u>65,000</u>
8,000 acres - -	\$574,000

It is considered that the completion of these Navajo Reservation projects should be done within a 2-year period, and that of this total cost there should be made immediately available \$320,000. The balance, \$254,000 should be made available a year hence. The 8,000 acres which this development would provide would be sufficient for the subsistence farming of 800 families and the placement at the rate of 400 per year.

The Colorado River irrigation project will contain a total of about 100,000 acres of irrigable lands of which about 75,000 acres can be made available for the settlement of Navajos.

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Under an orderly program of development submitted to the National Resources Planning Board and the Budget, it is planned to spread the development over a period of some 16 years. This program contemplated the expenditure of \$1,250,000 during the fiscal year 1942, and \$1,100,000 during fiscal year 1943. This construction schedule would result in making available for the Navajos about 5,000 acres during the calendar year 1943, and an additional 5,000 acres each year thereafter until the project was completely developed in about 1957.

There is included in the pending Interior Appropriation Bill an item of \$560,000 for this project instead of the \$1,250,000 requested. Therefore, the project program must be seriously delayed unless Acceleration at this time to the extent of \$690,00 additional funds can be made available. In addition to the irrigation funds required it will also be necessary to provide funds for Education, Health, Extension, Law and Order, ~~and~~ Roads, Rehabilitation and Credit. The following tabulation shows the funds required for each major feature of the work for each of the next ^{two} ~~three~~ years.

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<u>Feature</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 1943</u>
Irrigation	\$890,000	3,000,000
Education	200,000	200,000
Health	25,000	15,000
Extension	12,000	15,000
Law & Order	6,000	-
Roads	100,000	100,000
Rehabilitation	15,000	35,000
Credit	80,000	150,000
Total Colorado River	\$1,128,000	\$3,515,000

Adding to these figures the amounts for the desired accelerated Navajo Reservation program, ^{covering} the current and ^{the} fiscal year 1943 and

~~the~~ estimate follows:

	<u>FY 1942</u>	<u>FY 1943</u>
Colorado River	\$1,128,000	\$3,515,000
Navajo Reservation	<u>320,000</u>	<u>254,000</u>
Total present need	\$1,448,000	\$3,769,000

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