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WASHINGTON February 25, 1931.

Mr. Herbert V. Clotts,

Assistant Director of Irrigation.

My dear Clotts:

You will be interested in the results of the conference called by Governor Hagerman at Albuquerque on February 19th and 20th. A transcript of the proceedings will be prepared but in the meantime the net results are plainly set forth in the inclosed memorandum.

As arranged by you, Mr. Neuffer is designated to be in charge of a report to be gathered in the field immediately. I have added only one condition and that is, the report shall be ready April 15th. To be of value for budget purposes it must be ready at that time. As it turned out the basic map work and grazing classification already accomplished by Zeh has done half of the work which appeared necessary. The necessity of additional water supply is trivial as compared with the necessity of wholesale removal of the sheep. However, that will be the principal reason for field work in connection with this report and I shall make an effort to secure aerial maps over areas which have been designated by the Superintendents.

I have indicated to Mr. Neuffer that three maps should be prepared:

Grazing classification map, copied from the Zeh map.

Water service map, using the Zeh base map and showing thereon only the water development by springs, wells, tanks, etc. as may be already delineated on the Zeh study or added by Womack from his manuscript maps or furnished by Superintendents or as ascertained from this new survey.

Range control map. This is the important map to be compiled in the field using the Zeh base map in collaboration with the Superintendents and others to delineate the natural and customary boundaries of the herds as working out from the various watering places.

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I think speed of the report is the important thing and not undue elaboration. Enough is known already to indicate what executive action should be taken and there remains only an estimate of cost of developing additional springs for the coming budget as far as the duty of the Irrigation Division is concerned.

I am inclosing an extra copy of this letter for Mr. Neuffer which you can send to him. He already has the statement of the results of the conference.

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Very sincerely yours,

William S. Post

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