Extension

VIA AIR MAIL

Sept. 21, 1934.

Mr. William Zeh,
Acting Administrator,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Zeh:

We are enclosing herewith copies of letters which have been written to the State Relief Administrators of Arizona and New Mexico with reference to the purchases of Navajo sheep and goats. These letters are final up to date and supersede any other instructions or copies which you may have. Copies of them are also being sent to the superintendents of the various Navajo reservations as well as to Mr. Hugh Harvey, Agricultural Extension Agent. It is believed that you will find these copies self-explanatory.

It is important that the reservation superintendents interview the State Relief Administrators at once with reference to this matter. The entire responsibility for the matter is now up to the reservation officials and everything possible should be done to work out details of the purchasing plans with the State Administrators in order that there may be no further delay in this matter.

You will note that the letters state: "It is understood that the agents making the purchases will require from the Indians delivery of live animals or pelts and skins in proof of the destruction of such animals as are not delivered alive. It is not necessary that such pelts and skins be delivered to you and the agents making the purchases may dispose of them as they see fit." The reservation officials should work out definite arrangements with the FERA representatives with reference to these pelts. It is self-evident that a very careful check on this matter will have to be made or we will be buying pelts several times and the objectives of the sheep and goat reduction program will not have been accomplished. If the FERA representatives do not wish to accept the pelts or provide for their disposition the final disposition will be left up to the superintendents. A very definite system, however, must be worked out in order that the superintendents may be fully protected. We are writing each of the superintendents with reference to this matter.

You will note that the allotment for the Northern Navajo reservation has been made to the State of Arizona in spite of the fact that the agency headquarters are located at Shiprock, New Mexico. In a program of this sort we cannot make purchases entirely according to state lines and inasmuch as part of the Northern Navajo reservation lies in the State of Arizona it was decided to make the allotment for this jurisdiction direct to that state.

WR 11221

Will you please push this matter as much as you possibly can?

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) A. C. Cooley

Director of Extension & Industry.

cc - Florence M. Warner,
Exec. Secretary,
State Relief Administration,
Heard Building,
Phoenix, Ariz.

cc - Miss Margaret Reeves,
Director,
Bureau of Child Welfare,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

cc - Mr. Hugh M. Harvey,
Agricultural Extension Agent,
Northern Navajo Agency

ccs- Salt Lake Extension Office
Northern Navajo Agency
Eastern Navajo Agency
Southern Navajo Agency
Western Navajo Agency
Hopi Agency
Leupp Agency

Enclosure 553105

9 acb 20

WR 11222