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MEMORANDUM:

The tentative plans program on the Navajo just intendants and other inter personnel at a meeting held at 17, and the following comments represent what appears to be the most practical manner of initiating and carrying on the work.

At the above meeting it was decided that the method of field purchasing would follow along somewhat similar lines to those used in the sheep purchasing program last winter. It was suggested that each superintendent should decide to what extent the services of traders would be used, after taking the question up with the Indians and the tribal delegate from each district. A type of receipt form to be used on all jurisdictions was agreed upon. This receipt is to be mimeographed and stapled in booklets of 20 sets of 3 each and numbered consecutively. The original will be mimeographed on white paper and the copies on pink paper if it is available. The original receipt and all copies will be thumb-marked by the Indian from whom the stock is purchased at the time delivery is made, and one copy will be given to him for presentation at the superintendent's office for payment. The use of this receipt form will decrease the amount of office work necessary in connection with the purchase transaction, as the signed forms will serve as vouchers and repetition of signatures will be avoided.

It is the intent to curtail Emergency Conservation Work and possibly Public Works and Soil Erosion activities during the period that the purchase program is operating, in order that the job can be cleaned up by going over the ground but once. The field work could best be handled under the direction and supervision of the reservation stockmen and farm agents, with such other assistance as the superintendent might delegate. The animals purchased will be assembled in herds of from 1,000 to 1,500 head each, depending upon the locality from which they are secured. The herds will be handled and trailed by Indian Emergency Conservation workers who will be temporarily delegated by their superiors for that work. Each band should be accompanied by an Indian with a wagon and team that will be recruited from the Emergency Conservation work. This team will accompany the band along the trail carrying food supplies, bedding and water. The reservation stockmen or other designated individuals will keep a check on the movements of the various bands in their districts in order that a reasonably accurate knowledge of the whereabouts of each band may be had at all times and orderly shipping made possible.

We have no information to date regarding the processing firms to whom the sheep and goats will be shipped. The location of these plants and daily capacity for the slaughter of the Navajo stock

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