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W. H. Code,
Chief Engineer,
522 Bumiller Building,
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Sir:

Mrs. P. G. Gates, of Tolchaco, Arizona, is interested in establishing a colony of returned students and others to be located near that place on lands within the Navajo Extension. The irrigation of the lands would be essential to the success of the enterprise. Superintendent Robinson on November 23, 1908 reported in detail on the Leupp Reservoir and Irrigation project, the cost of which he estimated at \$282,786, and you were advised, on December 23, 1908, that the cost precluded further consideration of the project at that time.

It is possible that a comparatively small area of land can be irrigated for a sum which will enable the Office to undertake the work.

I shall be pleased to have you instruct Superintendent Robinson to go to Tolchaco on April 15 next, see Mrs. Gates, ascertain her views in regard to the location and quantity of land needed for her plans, and then investigate the possibility

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ties of providing irrigation for the lands she requires.

If he thinks an irrigation project feasible within a reasonable cost, please have him prepare plans and estimates.

Very respectfully,

R. W. Waterhouse

Acting Commissioner.

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