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Some effort has been made to save the waters of the Little Colorado River for irrigation purposes and quite a sum of money expended in an effort to build a dam across the river without success. Even should this have been successfully accomplished and reservoirs for the storage of the waters sustained, there is some question as to whether or not it would be a success on account of the large quantity of alkali in the soil and in the water of the river which is said to exist.

There is, however, just west of the school the San Francisco Wash, heretofore spoken of, which comes down out of the San Francisco Mountains and empties into the Colorado River a short distance from the school, which Wash drains a large territory and down which flows large quantities of melted snow. Near the mouth of this Wash is a natural reservoir which, when a dam is built across the Wash is sufficient to irrigate nearly 10,000 acres. Below this Wash and down along the river is a large area which could be irrigated. There was, I believe, an investigation and report made on this matter to the Office during the year 1908 by engineers sent out for that purpose. Should such a proposition be deemed practical, the Superintendent Mr. Maxwell suggests a plan that appears to me to be a good one. His plan is that the Government should build a dam across the San Francisco wash near its mouth, sufficiently large to create a storage reservoir with a capacity for irrigating 8,000 to 10,000 acres of land, to also do all

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the other work necessary for properly irrigating this land, then the land should be sold to the Indians, with the water rights, in much the same manner and on terms similar to those Government projects which are being put in operation for the benefit of the white settlers in many places in the west and northwest, giving to each Indian from 5 to 40 acres according to his ability and competency, on long time payments.....

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