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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,
IN THE FIELD.

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SUBJECT: Report; Moqui Reservation, Arizona.

Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Moqui Reservation, Arizona, Embraces an area of dimensions east and west of about fifty miles, and north and south of about seventy miles. Although properly a Moqui Indian Reservation as a matter of fact, the residents here comprise, about two thousand Moqui Indians, living mainly in Pueblo settlements, at Oraibi, Toreva, Polacca, Walpai, and a few other smaller villages, all located on the south half of the reservation; and about the same number of Navajo Indians, living in isolated Hogans, scattered everywhere about the entire reservation, paying no respect whatever to the rights of the Moquis, on the Moqui reservation.

There are practically no agricultural possibilities here, under natural conditions. There are no running streams, and the present very limited source of water, is almost entirely from a few springs and wells. The supply in the dug wells, gives promise that a source of water for irrigation purposes might be developed, by pumping.

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The whole subject of irrigation possibilities on this exceptionally dry reservation, should be studied by a competent irrigation engineer, for if an underground water supply of any considerable magnitude exists here, as many now believe to be the case, it could be readily developed, as there is an abundance of coal for fuel right at hand, that could be used for any pumping, that would be necessary. Other means of obtaining ^{water} would be by storage of the rain fall, which is sufficient to afford considerable irrigation development.

Sheep raising here as upon all of the adjoining Navajo Reservations, is the industry that the lands and the conditions of this section of the country most favor, and it is beyond all question the industry that could be made the most dependable support of the people of this reservation. As was stated in my recently submitted report, affecting Navajo Extension, "The Indian Blanket Industry, has its basis in the sheep raising carried on, upon the reservation!" The same statement holds true for the blanket industry of the Navajo Indians, located upon the Moqui Reservation. Every possible encouragement, should be given to the Indians, in their attempts to keep up this Blanket Industry, by providing means for the improvement of the range, and the stock-water conservation possibilities, and also by introducing a better grade of Bucks into the

flocks, that the yield of wool will be increased.

Superintendent, Theo. G. Lemmon, in charge of the Moqui Reservation, is an honest and earnest worker, and apparently able. He is desirous of advancing the industrial as well as the school interests of the reservation. I regard him as a valuable Superintendent. As the Superintendent did not assume charge at Keams Canon until the first of this year, and bad weather in the late winter months precluded ~~him~~ outside work, he has had little opportunity thus far to produce results upon the reservation proper. I was very well impressed however, by the very healthy relations that apparently exist between, the Superintendent, the Indians and his employees. There is every indication that the methods employed by Mr. Lemmon, in the handling of his Indians and his employees, will produce good results both upon the reservation and in connection with the schools.

There is a very vexing problem here, arising out of the unfortunate mixing of Moqui and Navajo Indian interests upon this reservation, that urgently calls for immediate solution. The Moquis, have for centuries been forced to live in Pueblos, situated on the Mesas, as a means of protecting themselves from the raids of the more aggressive Navajos, and right now upon their own reservation, they can do no more, than work the fields at the base of

their Mesa villages, as the Navajos, are in possession of all the springs of the reservation, thus preventing the Moquis from engaging in sheep raising. The Navajos despise the Moquis, and conscious that the Moquis stand in fear of them, arrogantly monopolize the grazing range for their sheep, practically excluding the Moquis from their rightful privileges upon the Moqui Reservation, upon which, they, -the Navajos- are really intruders. The Moqui leaders have frequently advised me that their people would eagerly resume the raising of sheep extensively if they could feel themselves to be secure from the interference of the Navajos, in carrying on the industry. It is altogether just, and very important that the department issue an order, requiring that all Navajos on the south half of the Moqui Reservation, shall retire to the north of a line that will be clearly defined and established, across the middle of the reservation, and leave the Moquis in free and unrestrained possession and use of all the reservation land to the south of this line. Such a division of the territory will satisfy the Moquis, who alone have properly any voice in the matter, and will insure for them, a happiness and growth, that they have not heretofore in their lifetime enjoyed. There will be land enough on the south half of the reservation to permit the Moquis to engage in sheep raising, and also to carry on their very peculiar and successful

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methods of cultivating their cornfields. The Superintendent should then be ordered to pay particular attention to the developing of all Moqui Indian, Reservation interests. All Navajo Indians employed as policemen, on the Moqui division of the reservation should be discharged, and their places given to Moquis, only. The Navajo Indian interests, will then be confined to the north half of the reservation, where they will also be attended to by the Superintendent, with equal concern. The new proposed boundary lines of the south half of the Moqui Reservation, should be clearly defined with visible stone monuments, as soon as the Department can authorize, that the here recommended division of the reservation be made. I attach a chart showing proposed east and west line that should be used in making the division of the reservation.

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There should be no further attempts, to forcibly induce the Moquis to come down their Mesa Pueblos, and take up isolated residence upon the reservation. This change will eventually take place and proceed in a perfectly normal manner, if no pressure at all is put upon the Indians. The work that is most urgently called for just now, in respect to dealing with the domestic side of the lives of these people, is the provision of an ample supply of water for sanitary and house-hold uses in their villages .

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At present it is nothing short of wonderful, that these people working under so many disadvantages maintain such cleanly order as is to be witnessed within their homes. All of their water for household and other purposes must be carried from a half mile to a mile's distance, up the steep slopes of the Mesa to the Pueblos located at the top, by hand. A most beneficial result would follow the provision of a pumping plant, just large enough to force water for sanitary and domestic purposes to the Moqui villages.

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In the valley below the village of Oraibi, the most important of all the Moqui Pueblos, housing about eight hundred Moqui Indians, several wells giving indications of a good supply of underground water have been dug. As there is an abundant supply of coal, right at hand that can be drawn upon to fuel a pumping plant I recommend that the Superintendent be instructed to furnish plans, and estimates of the cost, for the installation of a pumping plant, pipe, labor, etc, capable of furnishing the village of Oraibi, with water sufficient for all sanitary and domestic purposes. The installation of this experimental pumping plant will prove how great is the appreciation of the Moquis, of a supply of water right in their village.

If this recommendation is favorably acted upon, I would be glad to have the Office instruct the Superintendent, to permit the General Supervisor to review the plans, for the installation of the pumping plant, piping, distribution of water, etc.

Superintendent Lemmon, has already recommended Mr. Veits for the position: Inspector of Day Schools on the Moqui Reservation, and Mrs. Veits for the position: Principal Teacher, at Oraibi Day School. Mr. and Mrs. Veits are two most efficient and valuable workers, and ^{as} there is need for an Inspector of Day Schools upon this reservation and also for the services of Mrs. Veits in the position of Principal Teacher, I fully concur in the recommendation of the Superintendent, affecting Mr. and Mrs. Veits. With so efficient an Inspector of Day Schools, the Superintendent will have a much freer hand to carry out the general plans for the advancement of the industrial interests of this reservation: a matter in which he is keenly interested.

About three miles from Tuba, on Western Navajo Reservation, is the thrifty little village of Moqui Indians, called Moencopi, where a Day School, is now being built. The Moqui Indians of Moencopi, being closely related by family and tribal ties to the Moqui Indians on the reservation under Superintendent Lemmon's charge

are naturally desirous that the interests of their village and school, be in the hands of the Superintendent, who is more especially charged with the control of Moqui Indian affairs . They wish particularly that the education of their children shall be directed by the Moqui Reservation Superintendent. Superintendent Murphy of Western Navajo, who now has the interests of Moencopi in charge, very wisely sees that this desire of the Moquis at Moencopi, is natural and reasonable, and he believes that it would be well for the Office to order that the interests of the Moqui Village of Moencopi, be transferred to Superintendent Lemmon. I therefore recommend in view of the reasonableness of the wishes of the Moquis interested in this matter, that the Moencopi Village School, and the general interests of the Moencopi village be transferred to the charge of Superintendent Lemmon, and be included in his general charge of Moqui Indians affairs. Mr. Veits the proposed Inspector of Day Schools, for the Moqui reservation, is also of the opinion that it would be advantageous for the children of Moencopi, to have their education included in the system of schools, mainly concerned with Moqui Indian interests. If this recommendation is approved by the Office I suggest that the details in connection with the transfer of Moencopi village interests, may be left for adjustment to

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Superintendent Murphy, Superintendent Lemmon, and myself, as the matter can be conveniently settled at the meeting of Navajo Superintendents, called for the eleventh of September. In this connection I wish to say that if the Office acquiesces in this proposed transfer of Moencopi Village interests, that a letter authorizing me to adjust the details of the transfer, might not reach me before the eleventh of September, and it might, therefore, be well to wire me at Albuquerque regarding Office decision, in order that the arrangements may be concluded as early in the new school year as possible.

Schools.

There are no school facilities upon the north half of the Moqui Reservation. The recommendations made above regarding the segregation of the Moquis upon the south half of the reservation and ^{of} the Navajos on the north half of the reservation, would not of course disbar the children of the Navajos living upon the reservation from the same privileges with respect to attendance at the Keams Canon ^{School}, that have always obtained for them. I recommend that the Superintendent be instructed to select sites, on the north half of the reservation, for small boarding schools, and report to the Office concerning them, so that additional educational advantages for the Navajo children, may be considered.

Reservation Physician.

The reservation is fortunate in having a resident Physician Dr. Breid, whose untiring devotion to duty among the schools and homes of the reservation is worthy of all praise. The Doctor is not at all satisfied with the unsanitary conditions prevailing at the Keams Canon School. He strongly objects to the water closets now placed in the basement of the dormitories. In this objection of the Physician I heartily concur. All water closets, in the Indian School Service in connection with dormitories, should be constructed separate and apart from the buildings.

The Physician now resides in very unsatisfactory accommodations. His dwelling is located about a mile and a half from the school dispensary. He requests that a four room house be furnished for the Physician's residence, and that it be located at the Keams Canon School. The Physician is often called to attend patients in the villages remote from his dwelling, and in responding to these calls, which at times keep him away over night, he is forced to leave his wife alone in the house, a full mile and a half from the school and away from the regular employees quarters. This consideration with other ^{IN} conveniences suffered in connection with his practice, have brought the Physician ^{almost} to the point of requesting a transfer. It would be very unfortunate for the reservation to have

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the present Physician leave, in support of which I quote Superintendent Lemmon who says " Dr. Breid is a very unusual and rare, hard working, and efficient man, and greatly needed here by me where he is". In view of the above I recommend that a four room Physician's house be built at Keams Canon, and that the Superintendent be instructed to obtain from the Physician, a list of the special requirements needed to better facilitate his practice, - among which I know to be the necessity for a small hospital- and that as much of his recommendation as the Office can favorably act upon, be approved.

*Hospital
Miss Breid
Consent*

General Recommendations.

Miss Daisy Wilson: School Cook, excellent employee. Miss Wilson has tuberculosis in acute form. In view of the alarming, wide spreading inoculation among Indian Children in Schools and of the earnest desire of the Office to in all ways suppress and prevent the further growth of tuberculosis, a more unsanitary breach than the retention of an acutely affected tuberculous employee, in the position of Cook for the school children, could not be imagined. I recommend that the resignation of Miss Daisy Wilson, School Cook, be asked for immediately. As Miss Wilson is now away from the School upon vacation,

E should not be put to the expense of returning to the school, to find upon arriving there, that her services were no longer desired, I recommend that Superintendent Lemmon be instructed by wire, to Telegraph Miss Wilson's address to the Office, that she may be notified by wire of Office action, in case the Office favorably considers my recommendations in the case.

Superintendent Lemmon is very desirous that Mrs Minnie H. Linton, Teacher, be immediately transferred from his school. After fully discussing the reasons for his desiring Mrs Linton's transfer, I recommend that the Office without further delay, insist upon transferring Mrs. Linton.

M Mr. William Volz, Trader at Oraibi, has been ordered to vacate his trading store the first of August. Mr. Volz, has not yet been able to find a purchaser for his store and stock of goods. He now requests that a further reasonable extension of time be granted him, in order that he may be able to find a purchaser for his store and stock .. I recommend that an extra extension of time up to the first of October, without further recourse be granted to Mr. Volz, and at the expiration of this period of extension, that his store must be finally closed.

In connection with the trading store at Oraibi, it may be said that the new applicant for the trading license, Mr. August Vogt, recommended by Superintendent ^{Lemmon,} I personally know to be a man of character. Mr. Vogt, informs me that he has already taken out his first citizenship papers.

I recommend that the superintendent be requested to submit estimates for the purchase of two Jacks.

These are needed on this reservation for the purpose of breeding serviceable mules, for the work of freighting. The Indian Ponies of this section are undersized, and not at all suited to the heavy work of freighting. The Indians like mules and make good muleteers.

I recommend that a Navajo Indian Interpreter, be appointed to this reservation. The urgent need here of an Interpreter is apparent when it is recalled that there are nearly, if not quite two thousand Navajo Indians upon this reservation, and that at present there are no satisfactory means of communication between the Superintendent and the Navajo Indians.

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I recommend that a competent Irrigation Engineer, be detailed
to make a thorough study, of the matter of providing for the
storage of the rain fall, and ^{of} the availability of underground
water for purposes of irrigation on the Moqui Reservation.

Very respectfully,



General Supervisor.

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