Navajo Indian
December 31st

Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your office Letter "F" 21050 '81 dated Dec. 5. 1881. or that portion on page 3 replying to my letter of Nov 15. 1881. submitting Captain F. T. Bennett's report as to the wants of this Agency in regard to Public Buildings, you say, "if I will submit a reasonable estimate for buildings absolutely needed, the matter will have consideration," I have to say, having submitted the views of an army officer in that regard, and finding them deemed not reasonable, I will respectfully submit a civilians bed-rock, estimate of the Buildings absolutely needed at this Agency compatible with the honor of an honorable Departments effort in an endeavor to civilize

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These Indians — As I stated in my Annual Report 1879. none but married men accompanied with their wives should be employed &c the demoralized side of white men should not be even liable to be shown at an Indian Agency — a respectable civilized front, and a good example of a christian household among these semi-savages, will do more good, than much money spent in other ways — hence fair residences for all the employes, including the Agent, that they may (be compelled to) live with their families in comfortable quarters, is in my judgment very desirable —

I respectfully submit herewith a ground plan for an Agent's residence to be built of stone, two stories and Mansard roof, with cellar under the kitchen, which I estimate can be built with Indian labor, and aid of the sawmill here &c with fire proof roof, at say $2500. The Treaty article (as yet unfulfilled) limits the amount to $3000. as to Agents

residence

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Recommendations 3.

There are several suites of rooms here, built of adobe (which has a military look) which can be arranged, repaired floors put in, and new fireproof roofs (as all buildings in this country should be) windows, doors &c put in them, and thus be made habitable and respectable at an outlay of $500 each for six suites $3000.
A Council room and office $1000
There is an old stone warehouse that can be made into a good fireproof carpenter and blacksmith shop at a cost of $1000. and another suite of rooms made into a hospital for $500. and by putting an addition to the rear of the new school building of one story high for a large room, kitchen and dining room, it will add largely to the capacity of the school building, and it can be done mostly with Indian labor and at a cost not exceeding $500.

Then lastly I would like to see erected ten (10) two roomed, one story stone houses for

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the Indian Employes, half a mile south of the Agency, on the new road I have opened to Manuelito Station, on a good tract of farming land, through which I am about to open an irrigating ditch, taken from Canon Bonito Creek, where I have with the help of my authorized employes at odd times, built a crossing to answer as a bridge and dam combined, such houses will not cost I believe to exceed $100. each i.e. money out or 10 = $1000 outside of the aids I have here in saw mill and use of employe force &c when not otherwise engaged in their regular duties.

Such houses occupied by Indians, will induce other Indians to go and do likewise.

The foregoing estimate is only a little more than one third of the one made by Captain Bennett and I trust will prove satisfactory, and that the necessary appropriation will be made.

Very respectfully
Galen Eastman
U.S. Indian Agent

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