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Hon. Commissioner [illegible]
of Indian affairs [illegible]
Washington D.C. [illegible]

Sir,

I wish to call your attention to the fact, that Mr Riordan caused a Dam to be partially constructed on "Bonita Creek" about one half of a mile — above this place and above the one now being used for irrigating the Indian farms below here. I am told that there has been nearly two thousand dollars expended on this Dam already. it is a good piece of work as far as finished and would be of great benefit for irrigating the School Garden, furnishing water for all uses here, and allow us to set out trees for shading and ornamenting the Plaza and School grounds.

It is usual for the rainy season to begin here by Sept 1st and should it occur before this

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structures is completed it will surely carry down and destroy all that has been already done.

I therefore respectfully request that funds be provided and authority given me to complete it at the earliest possible date.

I enclose herewith an estimate of costs of completion of the Dam and the 400 Edr of planning necessary to conduct the water to the detaches.

Hoping it will receive your favorable consideration, I await instructions

Very Respectfully
John W. Bowman
U. S. Indian Agent.

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