Western Navaho School, Algert Arizona, Aug. 30, 1902.

Hon. Sir:-

In my communication of May 2[illegible] 1902 I call[illegible] your attent[illegible] to the importance of securing the transfer of the Tuba property from the present occupants to the Government at the earliest possible date, and I again beg to urge upon you the necessity of haste in the matter as the time is now here when the Mormons must either put in their crops or loose their crop for next year and if they sow their fall crop it will be impossible to get full possession before one year from now.

There is also an element here which are trying to get the people out of the notion of selling by holding out the prospects of a fine market, for all the products that they may raise, at the Copper and Gold mines that are being developed in this section of the country, and it is my opinion that if the transfer of the property is not accomplished VERY soon that the Government will not succeed in getting the property, without paying an enormus sum (if they get it at all) and as long as the Mormons are located within the limits of the reservation there will be trouble.

Very respectfully,

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SUPT. AND SPECIAL DISB. AGENT

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

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