NAVAJO AGENCY,

Fort Defiance, Arizona, Nov. 21, 1899.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th instant, "Finance 52088, '99", relative to forage for the farmer's team at Tuba, Arizona, I have the honor to state that this team belongs to the Government and is used by Elwin E. Rogers, Add'l Farmer at that point, which is one hundred miles from the railroad. Mr. Rogers' time is mostly used in travelling around, looking after the various interests of the Indians, there is no time during the year that he stops this work, and his team is liable to be used any time.

Tuba is a Mormom settlement. The lands there, and also the water rights, have been the cause of a great deal of ill feeling between the Mormons and Indians, and it is necessary to keep a farmer there to avoid trouble.

There is absolutely no grazing, and in order to keep his team in condition to make the long trips he is compelled to take, Mr. Rogers feeds the full ration.

Being so far from the railroad, forage is high, and I doubt very much whether I can obtain it any cheaper than the

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prices at which I requested to be allowed to pay in my letter of October 27th last. [illegible]

Very respectfully,

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U.S. Indian Agent.

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