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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,
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SUBJECT: Requirements, Navajo Extension, Arizona.
Mr. Joseph E. Maxwell, Additional Farmer in Charge.

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

Sir:

The Navajo Extension Reservation, supporting approximately five hundred Indians, embraces an area, about twenty five miles square, lying directly south of, and adjoining the Hopi Reservation Arizona. Under natural conditions, the reservation offers some precarious, agricultural possibilities, on the bottom lands along the Little Colorado River, where the soil is friable and fertile. Lack of any irrigation facilities, prevents the production of crops, other than those depending upon the irregular overflow of the river. Possible irrigation development will be referred to later in this report.

As sheep raising is the natural and essential industry of these Indians, it is the pursuit that should be especially encour-

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aged. The aim should be to develop the range, and stock-water conservation to support it. The Navajo Indian Blanket industry is the real support of these people, and it has its source in the sheep raising, carried on within the reservation. The conservation of stock-water and the improvement of the range and grade of sheep are therefor of vital importance, and every effort should be made for their development.

Mr. Maxwell, Additional Farmer in Charge, is an earnest capable worker, studious of the welfare of his Indians. He has been successful in maintaining amicable relations between the local stockmen, and the Reservation Indians. A good feeling now exists among these Indians and the Whites having interests adjacent to their reservation. Mr. Maxwell, has with marked success, faithfully endeavored to keep alive the Indian Industrial Board, that I organized upon this reservation a year and a half ago. The special objects in forming this Industrial Board were to create better and more reciprocal relations between the Indians and Whites, and to form a centre for the introduction and discussion of suggestions for the betterment of reservation conditions among the Indians themselves. The favor with which this institution was from the first received, and the interest maintained by the Indians in its objects, must in large

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measure be due to the loyal support given its mission by Mr. Maxwell. The Indians at these meetings talk of improvements in farming and stock raising methods, and go so far as to speak of the degrading influences of gambling, drinking and other vices. A really wholesome mental attitude is being formed among these people, tending materially toward their upward growth.

At the last meeting of their Industrial Board, held June 26th the Indians were a unit in expressing hope, that a small boarding school, might soon be located on their reservation, for they fully realize the necessity of having their children properly educated. It is a matter of grave concern to the parent Indians, that there is no school here for their children and for several months past they have been agitating a petition requesting the location of a school on their reservation. Enclosed please find their petition. Although no census of the Indians of this reservation has been taken, it is safe to state that there are not fewer than one hundred children of school age living here. These children should now be receiving education.

I am not aware of Office policy, affecting the Navajo Extension, but presuming that it is the intention to inaugurate

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an educational and industrial development upon this reservation, the following recommendations of Mr. Maxwell, have my full concurrence.

1. A small Boarding School, to accomodate from forty to fifty pupils. Location to be determined later.
Cost not to exceed. --- \$6,000.
2. An Agency office, storehouse and shop, under one roof. Approximate size of building 75' by 16'
Approximate cost not to exceed --- 1,200
3. Cottage for Additional Farmer in Charge,
One story, four rooms, Approximate cost --- 800.
4. Two windmills, with accessory pumps, tanks, etc.
Approximate cost --- 300.
5. One sheep dipping plant.
Estimate already furnished to Office.
6. One hundred and twenty Bucks.
Approximate cost --- 1,200.

The Sheep, the Indians now have are very much undersized, and deficient in wool production, affording but twenty five percent, of the wool usually sheared from good, range sheep This is the result of much inbreeding, and the purchase

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of a better grade of Bucks is recommended with a view to introducing new and better blood into the flocks, thereby insuring increased mutton and wool production.

7. The purchase of one Jack for breeding Mules.

Cost.--- \$400.

The Indians are particularly fond of mules, and make good Muleteers. The mules they now own, are undersized, due to there being no big Jacks on the reservation, for breeding purposes. As mules are more servicable for freighting in this country, than horses, this recommendation is made that larger, better mules may be developed.

8. One good range Stallion.

Cost--- \$150.

The Indian Ponies as the result of much inbreeding are undersized, and consequently of little industrial value. The recommendation for the purchase of a stallion is made, with a view to getting larger horses, now needed for heavy work on the reservation.

Approximate total cost of above recommendations---\$10,050

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Mr. Maxwell states that quite frequently, Indians when Sick come to him asking for medicine. There being no Physician at Navajo Extension, there are no medical supplies, although Mr. Maxwell has requested the Office to allow him to have some simple remedies. I feel that in view of the remote location of the reservation, that it might be well for the Office to consider if there are not means of having regular medical and sanitary inspection of Navajo Extension, and by way of suggestion might not the resident Physician at Oraibi, Hopi Reservation, be detailed to make quarterly visits to Navajo Extension, and at those times arrange for leaving with Mr. Maxwell, such simple remedies as in the opinion of the Physician it^{is} deemed advisable to so leave.

Employees.

Mr. Joseph E. Maxwell, Additional Farmer in Charge. Recommend that he be retained in his present position and that his salary be increased from sixty five, to seventy five dollars, per month.

Mr. Jake C. Morgan, Clerk, Returned Navajo Student. Hampton Graduate, Carpenter. Filling present position in very satisfactory manner. Recommend that he be retained in present position.

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Irrigation.

As far as I am able to find, no Government engineer, has yet surveyed this reservation, with a view to studying the available sites for locating storage basins for purposes of irrigation. In going over this reservation, a place was indicated by Mr. Maxwell, where in his judgment, a large reservoir could be built and maintained, of sufficient capacity to permit of thorough irrigation of from five to eight thousand acres, of the best land in the Little Colorado River bottom. The site at first glance does seem favorable for the construction of a large reservoir, and in view of the possibilities of securing for cultivation, this large acreage of good agricultural land, which is greatly needed here, I think it advisable to recommend that the matter of irrigation for this reservation be referred to Inspector, Code, Irrigation Engineer. Should Inspector Code, be unable to personally take up this matter, I recommend that a competent engineer, under his direction, be detailed to report upon this matter, as early as practicable.

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Remarks.

There are at present no improvements on Navajo Extension Reservation, except a small stable and house, of most temporary character.

I recommend that the Boarding Schools, designed for this Reservation, be small and inexpensive, as suggested for Western Navajo Reservation, in report recently submitted to the Office.

The Indians here, are now in receptive condition, for further advancement along educational and industrial lines, and I recommend that fullest support possible be given Mr. Maxwell in his efforts to improve the conditions of the Indians at Navajo Extension.

Enclosed please find Report and sketch map of reservoir site referred to in body of this report.

Very respectfully,

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General Supervisor of Ind. Resers.

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