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Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.



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*Respectfully referred to
the Commissioner of
Indian Affairs
A.W.B.*

Dear Arthur:

I am enclosing herewith two letters dated March 14 from Mr. K. A. Naha, Polacca, Arizona, one of which is addressed to the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the other is addressed to me. The latter probably is of no particular importance so far as the Bureau of Indian Affairs is concerned, since it contains little or nothing other than an explanatory statement which it was necessary for me to have in connection with the handling of the letter addressed to the Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs. However, I am sending it along in this connection in order that you may have just the setting which Mr. Naha has given me.

Perhaps I should explain that my only reason or excuse in sending this correspondence to you is because of my personal acquaintance with you, and the absence of any personal contact elsewhere in your Bureau. I am not assuming, in sending this correspondence to you, that it comes within the range of activities in the Bureau of Indian Affairs with which you have to do, but I have an idea that you will know how to handle Mr. Naha's letter to the Commissioner most effectively.

I am sending the correspondence without comment, since I know nothing about the merits of the case except what is contained in these letters, and they, of course, represent only Mr. Naha's point of view. Perhaps you will be kind enough, in due course of time, to return Mr. Naha's letter to me, since it would perhaps be convenient to have on hand when I acknowledge the receipt of this correspondence. I do not know why Mr. Naha did not send his communication to the Commissioner direct, but possibly he thought that since I have perhaps been able to render him a little assistance in connection with some of the crops in which he is interested, I also had some effective line of contact with other activities in the Government service.

Just in passing, it might be explained that one of our fruit specialists headquartered in California went to Arizona a year ago, I think it was, to look up certain matters relating to peaches. In that connection he met among other Indians Mr. Naha, who was able to render him quite a lot of service. There were certain things which Mr. Naha desired and which the specialist thought he could supply. He therefore gave me Mr. Naha's name and address and the particular things in which he was interested. During the past year several letters relating to various matters involving only the work of this Department have passed between us. Mr. Naha, so far as one may judge from

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his letters, is a rather intelligent Indian, and gives the impression that he knows what he is talking about.

I trust that the forwarding of this letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs will not cause you embarrassment in any way. If it does, you can of course return it to me, and I will send it direct to the Commissioner merely with a note of transmittal. In any event, you may want to suggest that the letter go direct from me to some official in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. If you have any suggestion with regard to a more proper way of proceeding than the one which I am following, I shall be glad to have your comments.

With personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,



H. P. Gould
Senior Pomologist

Enclosures