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August 10, 1916.

Mr. Lee Crane,

Phoenix Canyon, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Crane:

Your letter of April 5 was discovered a few days ago when I was looking through the files upon some other matter. This letter came while I was still in the West. In fact I did not return for nearly two months and I note on the letter, apparently in Mr. Reed's handwriting, that Finance was not at that time holding for you the $2000, and I presume he felt it would be unnecessary to take further action and hence the letter went to our files so that I did not see it upon my return. With this very complete explanation, you will see that it is not necessary for me to apologize for not answering you before.

I have, since returning from my long trip, made two others, one to Kansas and return and one to California and return, so that my stay here has been only fleeting.

I have not heard from Education lately as to what the plans, if any, were with respect to your

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plans. When I last talked with Mr. Middleton some months ago no definite decision had been reached. Mr. Sells is still away and I have an idea that it may be thought feasable to defer any decision until the new Supervisor of Construction who lately superseded Mr. Lynch has an opportunity to become familiar with conditions so that the benefit of his advise may be obtained. This is merely a supposition on my part but I give it to you for what it is worth.

I visited Fort Defiance but had no occasion to make the pleasant trip to Keams Canon which I would of course have enjoyed. Anything that I can do you know I shall be glad to undertake if it is within the bounds of possibilities, so command me.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Assistant Chief Engineer.

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