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Kayenta, Ariz., April 8, 1918.

Mr. A. H. Womack,
Albuquerque, N. M.

Dear Mr. Womack:

Your favor March 27 just reached us in the last mail.

It is a pretty hard matter to give anywhere near an accurate estimate as to what extent the herds of the Indians have increased due to the wells, owing that, as you know the wells in this section were among the last to be drilled, but hthere has been a marked increase, and take a year like the past, we fully believe that these wells have been the means of saving from 15% to 25% of their sheep, as nearly all the water holes in the country have been dry for the past years and had not the wells been in the country the grass around the living springs would not have been sufficient to have carried all the sheep and cattle that would have had to water at them.

And another thing for a dry year, it has meant quite a bit on their wool crop, as they have enabled them to keep their sheep in a better condition, and a fairly fat sheep will yield a heavier fleece than a poor one.

If for no other reason than a dry year it would have been a Godsend to have these wells in the country, but the effect does not end there. It is our opinion that each year will see an increase due to the wells, as most of the springs are in the hills where the grass is late, and the sheep do not get the benefit of the green grass at lambing, but with the wells where they are, the grass startsearlier and the sheep will raise more and better lambs.

In our opinion the drilling of these wells has been one of the most beneficial things for the Indians that the Government has undertaken and we do not believe that it will only end with an increase of their stock, but feel that it will reach even further and make for a larger desire for education, as the more an Indian has the more he requires, and with larger herds he will have more and have a greater need for the white man's ways of doing business.

The only thing that we have against the drilling is that there does not seem to be enough of them at work on the reservation to do the good that they could.

We do not know of any other branch of the Indian Service that has any heartier support than the well drilling, and we fully believe that everyone that has come in contact with the good they have done feels the same way.

With very best wishes from us all and hoping that you will be able soon to start out the rig that is lying idle here, we remain

Most sincerely,
(Signed) Wetherill & Colville
Per C.A.Colville