

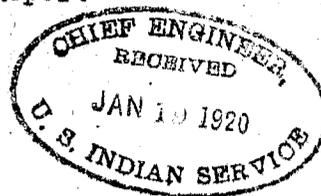
* Navajo-Hopi
Report

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Irrigation

SUPERVISING ENGINEER
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.



January 14, 1920.

Mr. W. M. Reed,
Chief Engineer,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Reed:

I am sending my reply to the Commissioner regarding the Navajo and Hopi well drilling, and am also enclosing a copy for you.

I regret that it was necessary to string the report out to such length, as in brevity there is strength, but I felt it necessary to go to considerable lengths to be sure that Mr. Sells appreciated the situation, and I understood from his letter that he was requesting a full justification not only for the point or two he mentioned but for the full program of well drilling.

I believe that there should be a well near Newcomb's store, and I had to go pretty fully into the matter that I could have some measure of a chance to convince him.

His query as to the well between there and Crown Point needed a full explanation which had to be a full justification for the drilling in that valley, and so it would not be my unbiased statement only, I got the letters I have put in the addenda as corroborative evidence.

Please go over the matter before you forward the report and if you can add anything I have omitted or wish to correct any statement I have made, please do so.

As Mr. Sells gave no reason for any of his statements or why he had arrived at certain conclusions I had to try to cover ALL points that I might not miss the one that might reach him.

I am assuming that I am not to stop work while waiting for his approval, so am going ahead, and if you will call this to his attention and ask him to advise me if I should stop I will appreciate it.

*Copies of the report
are being sent
Esley + Daniels*

Sincerely yours,

Supervising Engineer.