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Moqui Indian Agency,
Keams Canyon, Arizona,
January 30, 1920.

Mr. Herbert F. Robinson,
Supervising Engineer,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

My dear Mr. Robinson:

I am in receipt of your letter, dated January 17, 1920, enclosing copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs directing you to submit definite outline of your work and locations of mills, for his approval; also to furnish the Superintendents of several reservations the same information at the same time, before proceeding with your work.

This ruling is such a fatal stab at the practical development of water for the Indians of the Moqui Reservation that I deem it my duty to the Commissioner, and the Indians, to urge immediate cancellation of the ruling in so far as it applies to this reservation.

Since assuming charge of this reservation I have given special consideration to the question of water development and the geological conditions and I am satisfied that anyone who attempts the work, without technical knowledge and experience, is trifling with the existence of 4000 semi-civilized people and thousands of sheep and stock, their only means of livelihood.

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I am satisfied that, when the Commissioner is in possession of the facts unencumbered by petty personal prejudices, he will realize he has been grossly, if not willfully, misinformed, and I desire to state that I write this, not because of any personal friendship for you, but primarily upon the splendid record your force has made in developing the water upon this reservation.

Very respectfully,

(signed) Robt. E. L. Daniels

Supt. & Spl. Dis. Agt.

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Carbon to Commissioner of
Indian Affairs.