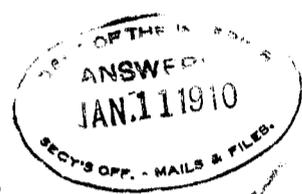


REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Land-
Allotments DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
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102938-1909 OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
JTR WASHINGTON.

Allotments to
Navajo Indians.



The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

By a letter dated June 11, 1909, the Department directed United States Indian Inspector Will M. Tipton to investigate certain allotments made to the Navajo Indians on the public domain within the Coconino Basin, Arizona, by Special Allotting Agent George A. Keepers, protests against which had been filed by certain white citizens of the Coconino Basin, especially the Northern Arizona Cattlemen's Association and the Supervisor of Coconino County.

Inspector Tipton began the work of investigating these allotments, as his letter of July 20, 1909, on file here, will show, but it is learned informally that later the Department had need for his services elsewhere and directed him to take up other work.

The Office is now in receipt of a communication from the Commissioner of the General Land Office under date of December 23, 1909, transmitting 118 applications for allotment on the public domain, filed by Mr. Keepers in

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behalf of the Navajo Indians in the Coconino Basin, with the Local Land Office at Phoenix, Arizona. The Office does not feel at liberty to take further action with regard to these applications until the investigation directed by Departmental letter of June 11, 1909, to Inspector Tipton is completed by him or some other officer of the Department.

It is respectfully requested, therefore, that if the services of Inspector Tipton will not be available in the near future to resume this work, that some other official be directed to take it up. In the event that someone else is directed to investigate these allotments, the papers now in Mr. Tipton's hands, transmitted with Departmental letter of June 11, 1909, should be returned to the Department for use of the officer who may be directed to take up the investigation.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner.

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