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March 4, 1916.

Red Lake Dam,
Navajo, Arizona.

See Mr. Robinson's letter of March 27, 1916, and Mr. Kinney's of March 29, 1916. There can be no justification for continuing this as an irrigation project unless immediate steps are taken to utilize the waters for irrigation.

Up to the present time the project has been used for watering stock and not as an irrigation project. It will not be possible to use irrigation money for repair work on this project except in direct violation of the law.

It appears from the records that more good could be obtained from the project if it had been properly managed as an irrigation proposition, rather than let it drift along with returns only from the uncertain stock watering feature.

If it is to be continued as it has been in the past, Industries should assume charge. If it is to be turned into an irrigation project, there should be an entire reorganization of the system and assurance

should be obtained that in the future the plant would be managed along the lines designed. At the present time the Bureau might be charged with having misapplied irrigation funds.

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