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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE  
 OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER (IRRIGATION)  
 526 FEDERAL BUILDING  
 LOS ANGELES, CAL.

May 4, 1911.

Mr. H. F. Robinson,  
 Superintendent of Irrigation,  
 Albuquerque, N. M.

Dear Sir:-

The Board of Apportionments has allowed the following sums for work being conducted under your supervision, in accordance with recommendations I made prior to leaving Washington; namely,-

\$10,000 for well drilling for stock purposes, Navajo and Moqui.

\$ 5,000 for development of springs, Navajo and Moqui.

\$ 5,000 for Miscellaneous Irrigation for the Pueblos.

all from the Support of Indians in Arizona and New Mexico, 1912.

In addition to this sum I think we apportioned you about \$15,000 for similar work from the funds Irrigation Indian Reservations.

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I have heretofore apprised you that the Indian Office is exceedingly anxious to have rapid progress made in the way of well drilling and stock water development generally on the Navajo and Moqui Reservations.

Prior to my departure from Washington, Second Assistant Commissioner concurred in the idea of putting in another good rig and I still believe that this is what we should do. For this reason I wish you would ascertain from Holstrom about what kind of a rig he would recommend for the sinking of 8 in. wells in the Chin Lee Section. In the letter he wrote you he advised purchasing a small rig for experimental well testing purposes and for the possible drilling of small wells at points where the flow was not sufficient to warrant the larger casing. This struck me as a very good idea. Please let me know what action you have taken in connection with this recommendation of Holstrom's.

In addition to this small rig, however, it seems to me it will be necessary for us to order another rig, or make up our minds just what we want and have the Chicago warehouse purchase the rig and arrange to have it on the ground as early after July 1st as possible.

Shorty would probably know of some good well driller and assistant whose services we could obtain to man

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the new rig and he could exercise some general supervision over its operation. This is a matter which must be acted upon at your earliest convenience.

It does not seem to me as though we need a very heavy rig to put down wells in the Chin Lee Section and it is possible Shorty may decide that the Star machine would answer for such purposes. I am enclosing herewith, for the information of yourself and Holstrom, a letter received from the American Well Works, together with one of their catalogues. In the letter they give quotations on various types of machines. I think that you have on hand letters from the Star Drilling Machine Co., giving prices and in all probability you have one of their catalogues.

I suggest that you take this matter up in person with Holstrom as soon as possible, with view of deciding on what type of machine and what tools will be required.

Yours very truly,



Chief Engineer.