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Mr. W. H. Code,  
 Chief Engineer,  
 526 Federal Building,  
 Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Mr. Code;

I returned from my trip to the Hopi country several days ago but I almost didn't. I was taken very ill on my arrival at Leupp but after a doctor there had worked over me for a day and a half, I managed to get to the train and get home. If you have seen Walter Hill, he has probably told you of my condition, and the day following I was obliged to have a physician three times and he has been here from two to three times until today.

I am enough better to have ambition to clean up a little work, so had my mail sent up and am going through it with a stenographer. The doctor insists, however, that it will be necessary for me to take quite a little rest before going to the field again.

I am therefore, planning that at the end of this week, I shall take a couple of weeks vacation and try and do nothing but rest. I will put things in the office in such shape that they will move along all right during my absence. I know, however, that if I do not get entire rest for a short while,

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I will not be able to attend to my duties during the summer.

I was very much pleased with the showing made by the wells Hallstrom has put down and also with the spring development work done by Womack. I believe that for the amount of money invested that this work will do more actual good for the Indians than anything ever done under my jurisdiction.

I am too tired now to go into any further details but I believe that there is a good chance in the Oraibi Valley to put down some wells which will furnish a sufficient supply for irrigation and will probably be able to find coal within three or four miles of any such spot you may select. We have one well with twenty-four feet of water bearing gravel strata which is unprecedented on the Painted Desert.

Yours sincerely,

*N. J. Tolson*  
Superintendent of Irrigation.