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Dist. #5

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Chief
Engineer.

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Authority #61855. Apportionment 1914. $158,000.00.

Memorandum for the Commissioner.

This proposed work is in District No. 5, under the supervision of Mr. H. F. Robinson.

The recommendation and justification for this work was made by my predecessor, Mr. Granville, and the appropriations in the Indian Bill were based upon these recommendations and justifications.

I have not been over this district sufficient to give an opinion from personal observation, and my knowledge is derived from records in this Office.

The work provided for in this apportionment is continuation of work previously authorized, and the necessity for same seems to be well established by the justifications furnished.

The following is taken from Mr. Granville's letter to the Secretary of the Interior, dated August 6, 1912:

Zuni Reservation.

For repairs to Zuni dam and spillway, and for continuing the construction and maintenance of the distributing system fro lands under project, $50,000.

This project has been an expensive one, but taking into consideration the character of the country and the great benefit the Indians have derived, the interest they are taking and the improvements being made by them, the money can be considered as having been well expended.

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Pueblos.

For construction, repairs and maintenance of irrigation systems, and for protection of agricultural lands along the Rio Grande from damage by flood, on various pueblo grants in New Mexico, $20,000.

There are a great many Pueblo Indians in New Mexico who deserve aid in their efforts to make a livelihood, and to preserve their lands from destruction.

Navajo and Moqui Reservation: (Arizona and New Mexico.)

For the continuation of the San Juan Project, and to continue work on minor projects for irrigation, $55,000.00

These reservations are extremely arid, and occupied by approximately 30,000 Indians. Water development is difficult and expensive, but considering the large number of Indians interested, and the large area involved, the amount requested is none too large.

Southern Ute (Allotted):

For continuing the work of constructing irrigation systems in the Pine river valley, to cover Indian allotments, and to preserve valuable water rights in Pine river, $20,000.00

It is necessary to continue the construction of the irrigation system, in order to make beneficial use of the water appropriated, and thus perfect title thereto. the amount requested is none too large to prosecute the work properly.

Southern Ute (Diminished)

For maintaining and continuing the irrigation system on this reservation, $3,000.00

W. M. Reed

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Chief Engineer.

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