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Mr. Herbert F. Robinson,
Federal Building,
Albuquerque, N. M.

My dear Mr. Robinson:

Your letter of recent date with regard to the use of the Navajo well drilling fund is received. I have taken this up with all the people in the Office who would be expected to express an opinion, and while there is some division in this opinion, Mr. Meritt and Mr. Dimick have decided that the fund is available for work on the so-called Moqui Reservation as long as it is limited to operation in areas which are occupied solely by the Navajos. I understand that the language of the act will be changed during the coming year to make this perfectly apparent but in the meantime it will be all right to go ahead on this basis and drill right across the territory west from where you are now. I feel that the area on the Moqui Reservation around Lo Casa Cad Spring may be very advantageously developed, and it would seem from surface indications that water can be obtained in reasonable quantities.

Very truly yours,

H. S. Church
Acting Chief Engineer.

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