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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 UNITED STATES INDIAN IRRIGATION SERVICE
 SUPERINTENDENT OF IRRIGATION



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Mr. W. M. Reed,
 Chief Engineer,
 Washington.

Dear Mr. Reed:

In going over the Indian Appropriation bill I note on page 9 an error, which while it may make no difference in the use of the money should be corrected in next year's bill.

"For continuing the development of a water supply for the Navajo and Hopi Indians on the Navajo, Moqui, Pueblo, San Juan and Western Navajo Reservations" etc. The error is in using "Pueblo". If it means what it says it is not applicable as there are no Navajo or Hopi Indians on the Pueblos unless it has reference to the Canyoncito Navajo under the Pueblo jurisdiction. I assume however, that it means to say "Pueblo Bonito" and the last word was inadvertantly omitted.

Now that this money is for the first time specifically made applicable to the Hopi Indians and the Moqui Reservation, will it prevent the use of other money for this reservation? For the past years we have been having money from the fund "Support of Indians in Arizona and New Mexico" for the maintenance of the wells and doing the spring work on this reservation, and we have had the authority for this for the present year. Will the specific authority noted above prevent this? If so we are in worse shape that we were before!

I am going ahead on the supposition that the status is not changed.

Very truly,

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