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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

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Hon. Edgar Howard,
Chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs,
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

There is enclosed draft of a proposed bill to define the exterior boundaries of the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico, and for other purposes.

Section 1 of the enclosed draft sets out definite lines as the exterior boundaries of the Navajo Indian Reservation within the State of New Mexico. These lines would add certain areas to the present reservation on the east and south, and also define four small outside areas for different Navajo bands living therein. The lands which would thus be added to the reservation are thickly populated with Navajo Indians and have practically been used by them exclusively for grazing purposes for years. They include public lands interspersed with tracts which have been purchased for the Indians with their own tribal funds and also lands consolidated in the Government for their benefit pursuant to the Act of March 3, 1921 (41 Stat., 1225-1239). Provision is made that all prior valid rights and claims involving any lands within the proposed lines shall not be affected by this proposed legislation.

Section 2 of the bill would grant the State of New Mexico the right to relinquish to the Government for the Indians such tracts of school or other State owned lands within the proposed boundaries and make lieu selections of equal value from the available vacant public domain within the State.

The purpose of Section 3 is to clarify the Indian title to lands already consolidated in the Government under the act cited therein and also extend the provisions of said act to three other counties. This section also provides in effect that no further allotments on the public domain shall be made to the Navajo Indians in the State of New Mexico, as the Indians would under the proposed legislation receive in the aggregate, areas approximately equivalent to the total acreage which they would ordinarily be entitled to through allotment on the public domain under existing law.

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This proposed legislation has received the general indorsement of the Indians and of the Superintendents and other field men, and in their judgment after careful field study indicates conservatively the areas actually needed for these Indians. If enacted it will end a troublesome situation which has existed for a number of years, and in the long run it is believed will be beneficial both to the local white citizens and to the Indians, especially as it is the general view of our field men and others interested in the Indians' welfare that the proposed legislation represents the best possible solution that can be worked out to protect the sheep industry not only of the Navajo Indians but also of the white stockmen in that part of New Mexico.

In view of the foregoing it is recommended that the enclosed draft of proposed legislation be given favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) RAY LYMAN WILBUR

Secretary.

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Board of Indian Commissioners

WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE NAVAJO COUNTRY

- Arizona and New Mexico -

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LEUPP, MOQUI, NAVAJO, PUEBLO BONITO, SAN JUAN, AND WESTERN NAVAJO SUPERINTENDENCIES.

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Statistics from the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the fiscal year ended June 30,'19.

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POPULATION .....Navajo Tribe...38,803
Hopi Tribe.... 2438

Moqui Reservation ..	Hopi.....	3158
	Navajo.....	1843
Leupp Reservation ..	Navajo.....	1441
Navajo "	Navajo.....	11280
Western Navajo " ..	Navajo.....	5015
	Hopi.....	370
	Paiute.....	175
Pueblo Bonito Agcy..	Navajo.....	3375
San Juan Reservation.	Navajo.....	6550
Zuni Reservation ..	Navajos living adjacent to this jurisdiction estimated to number about....	500

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AREA OF LANDS Navajo reservations in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, 11,887,793 acres.
...Arizona..8,783,997 acres...
New Mex..3,300,000 "
Utah..... 800,000 "
Moqui reservation, Arizona, 2,472,320 acres.
Total area of Navajo and Moqui reservations: 14,360,113 acres.

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AGRICULTURAL LANDS about 2 acres per capita. 81,437 acres, as follows:

Leupp...	750 acres	Western Navajo..	30,300 acres
Moqui..	4000 "	Pueblo Bonito...	400 "
Navajo	32,167 "	San Juan.....	13,820 "

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GRAZING LANDS 14,375,093 acres - given as follows:

Leupp...	803,840 ac.	Western Navajo..	3,020,347
Moqui..	1941,000 "	Pueblo Bonito...	1,948,000
Navajo	3008808 "	San Juan.....	5,753,000

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LIVE STOCK.

	Value all stock	No. horses, etc.	No. cattle	Sheep & goats
Leupp Res.	$344,964	4350	3635	156,013
Moqui Res.	954,200	10178	7300	107,000
Navajo Res.	$3,955,504	24650	15000	350,000
Western Navajo	318,400	12850	4185	340,000
Pueblo Bonito	533,500	5860	1775	115,000
" "(Tribal)	3,360			438
San Juan Res.	1,378,635	14350	5375	95,000
" " (Tribal)	4,000			199
TOTAL	$7,533,553	71838	36010	1,063,638

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IRRIGATION

	Area susceptible of irrigation.	Now under project	Expenditures for const.&maintenance.
Leupp Res.	85	35	$10,407.73
Moqui Res.	10	10	
Navajo Res.	18,238	3065	(503,544.84
Western Navajo	13,585	1325	68,891.69
Pueblo Bonito	No living water		341.21
San Juan Res.	14,140	8130	325,198.34
TOTAL	40,038	12545	$908,383.51

NOTE: The above figures do not apply to money spent for wells used for supplying stock on the ranges.

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SCHOOLS.

7305 or 76% of the children eligible for school attendance of the Navajo & Hopi tribes are not in school.

All the schools have a capacity of 2455 and when filled would take care of only 34% of the eligible children.

	eligible for attendance.	eligible children not in school	capacity all schools
Leupp Res.	604	484	183
Moqui Res.	1040	497	376
Navajo Res.	4500	3506	1076
Western Navajo	800	596	373
Pueblo Bonito	800	571	310
San Juan Res.	3500	2151	337
TOTAL	10270	7805	2455

NOTE: Children of 500 Navajos adjacent to Zuni Res. do not go to school.

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