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Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of the copy of letter from W. M. Murphy, Special Allotting Agent relative to plan of furnishing flood waters to the Hopi Indians for irrigation. I will take the matter up when I go over the reservation later.

I am expecting that Mr. Mendenhall in charge of the underground water investigations of the Geological Survey, and Prof. H. E. Gregory who has been detailed to make the investigations for us will arrive in Albuquerque some time during the first week in May, and I have planned, if it meets their approval to make a trip with the. To go into Leupp, and make a trip down the Little Colorado of a day or two, then north to Oraibi, following the big Oraibi Wash, in hope that something can be done there, thence across to Tuba, and returning go to Keam's Canyon. This part of the trip we will be transported and accompanied by Supt. Maxwell of the Leupp School. Thence we would go to Ganado, then down the Chin Lee wash as far as Chin Lee and across to Fort Defiance. This will introduce them to the different Agencies and show them a considerable amount of the country, and would then leave them to their own devices.

Mr. Hover writes me that feed is very short at Tuba and the stock is in such bad condition that he is making very poor headway

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with the ditch work. The new hay will not be available for some six weeks, and it may be necessary to shut down the work for a time. I have suggested that he try and have the trader ship in a little hay, and perhaps that can be done.

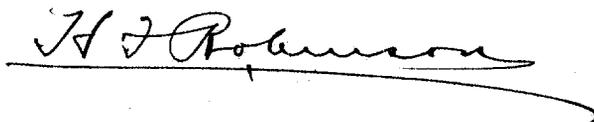
Mr. Bush has been delayed in getting in logs for his crib dam at Paraje on account of heavy snow followed by muddy roads in the mountains.

I have sent Mr. Wanner to Red Lake to clean out the ditch there and Mr. Ritter went in with him to get him started. There has been a Farmer stationed at this point lately, and it is hoped that something will be done in the way of farming there now.

The lake is being filled with the spring run of water.

Mr. Ritter is getting out bills of lumber for the Hogback Canal while waiting for authority to commence at Zuni.

Very truly,



Superintendent of Irrigation.