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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, May 17 1889

Thomas Priestley,

U. S. Indian Agent,

Yakama Agency, Wash. Ter.

Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter dated April 29th, 1889, from R. J. Hinton, Esq., Engineer U. S. Geological Survey, who has been engaged as an expert to accompany the Senate Select Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation of Arid Lands, on its visit to the west, of which Committee Hon. W. M. Stewart is Chairman, concerning the character and practice, past and present of irrigation in the western States and Territories and requesting that the agents in charge of certain reservations be instructed to take cognizance of the intended tour of the said Committee and in the meantime obtain all information practicable, from the Indians under their charge, and otherwise as to the methods of irrigation now in vogue and heretofore practiced, and the customs and rules as to water supply and distribution adopted by them.



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All information and data that may be obtained in time to reach this city by July 15th, should be forwarded to Mr. Hinton, in care of United States Geological Survey; and such as you may obtain subsequent to that time you will present to the Committee upon its reaching your agency.

You will extend to the Committee and its representatives all proper aid and facilities at your command which may aid in the investigation of the subject referred to.

Respectfully,

*W. R. Ruck*  
Acting Commissioner.



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