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Keno, Nevada. April 16, 1916.

Dear Mr. Sobury:

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Very respectfully,

Clark.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
**UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE**

Beno, Nevada. April 15, 1916.

Dear Mr. Asbury:

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Very respectfully,

*John Toland*  
Clerk.

Dear John;- Have written two letters as per copies. Suggest you look up the patten of filing on water as we have two or three cases that should have been attended to a long time ago. Find papers in middle drawer, left, in my desk in large Envelope marker "State Engineer".

Get every thing ready to file, studying up the requirements. I don't know them very well myself.

Ask the State Engineer at Carson as to whether filing has been made on Pine creek giving him the location by sections

T & R name etc.

Think I am about through here but may go to Duck Valley from here to save time.

Very respectfully,

*W. T. Asbury*  
April 15, 1916

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RENO INDIAN AGENCY.

Reno, Nevada.

April 17, 1918.

Mr. Fred J. Jones,  
Millett,  
Nevada.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of April 2, in reference to the controversy between Spud, Fisherman and Alack Mike over the water from Pine Creek we have had more or less correspondence in regard to the same and a representative of this office visited the locality last summer. He is not in the office at present and I do not know whether his attention was called to this matter at the time he was there. He will return within a few days and we will take up the situation with him. It is very probable that someone from this office will again visit Snokey Valley during the coming summer and further investigation will be made of this controversy.

Very respectfully,

L. A. DORRINGTON  
Special Agent in Charge  
By

JP/CK.

Clerk.

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April 13, 1916.

Mr. L.F. Clar,  
Manhattan, Nevada.

Dear Sir:-

I have been hoping for the last two or three years to get over into that country again to see how the Indians were getting along and whether there was any thing we could do to help in the land situation but my work has been such that I have not been able to get there.

Do you happen to know how Fishman and Spud are doing and whether they ever tried to file on the water with the state engineer?

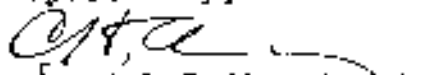
There was some questions to Tim Hooper and some attorney at Tonopah was inquiring as to his right. Do you know the status of his application and his use of the ground?

Are there any others in that locality who have selected land on which they desire to file?

If I can ever overtake my orders and get away from the Office I will come out there and not leave any address so they can't find me to give me new instruction.

As you have shown an interest in these matters in the past I ~~am~~ am taking this liberty with you and will appreciate any information you can give me.

Very Respectfully,

  
Special Indian Agent,  
Reno, Nevada.

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April 19, 1916.

Mr. Fred J. Jones,  
Round Mountain, Nevada.

Dear Sir:-  
Your letter of the 7th has just been forwarded to me here. I will try to learn as soon as possible whether any filing for water was made for Fishman and Spud and if not we may be able to file it soon. I have been away from my office on sundry field work almost constantly since last Fall with the result that the regular work of the office has been somewhat crowded out.

You did not say as to the filing that Alex Mike is attempting to make on that land. It may be that this application will be referred to my office before it is accepted if it is an allotment application as they are being handled a little differently now and there is some question as to getting one accepted just at this time.

The way my work is now arranged there is some question as to my being able to get over there but I still hope to and if I can not go I may be able to send a clerk over to look the situation over.

We will try to protect the right of the Indians who have made good use of the little water there is.

I appreciate your interest in these people and your calling our attention to the conditions and hope that we will find time to do something for them. Urge them to make use of the water to the fullest possible extent to hold their right.

Very Respectfully,  
*[Signature]*  
Special Indian Agent.

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Hono, Hawaii, Mar 13, 1916.

Dear Mr. Asbury:

Mr. Clark came to the office last night and also this morning. In regard to the Spud and Fisherman water rights, he says he filed for them and advanced part of the fees for them, giving them the time necessary to make arrangements. He filed for the full amount of 1.5 cu. ft. per second allowed for 150 acres.

The Alec Mike proposition was also gone over. Alec Mike and Spud and Fisherman are related, he informs me, and are working for the Pine Creek Ranch. I explained to him how Alec Mike's application could not be filed, although an attempt had been made to file it, on account of the new regulations and new forms had not yet been received. Alec has fenced about 50 acres in the three forties to the east and has a garden and considerable of the land plowed and has his tent on the land. He secures his water from Fisherman's ditch. However, he lives more at Fisherman's than on his own land and at Mr. Clark's suggestion wrote him to build his house as soon as possible. As to the water troubles, Mr. Clark says that there is no trouble between these parties. At his suggestion, I wrote to Rogers, stating the case, so that notation could be made on the records, as threats have been made of filing over Alec's claims. He also offered to make an affidavit as to Alec's improvements and file that in the land office.

As to the Tim Hooper case, he gave me some idea of the case, but met Mr. Atkinson at the hotel and advised him to see me while in town and give me particulars, which the latter intends to do on Monday, as he left for San Francisco. Mr. Atkinson is the attorney for the Pine Creek people, which I suspected last fall. It seems that Tim had another allotment or attempted to get one, and suddenly changed his mind and took up his present allotment. Stimler and Marsh owned some land in this same neighborhood but it was mortgaged and the Monopah Banking Co. foreclosed the mortgage. There upon they sought revenge. Why it was directed against the Pine Creek people, he did not know. The Pine Creek people, or rather some predecessor had taken out a desert filing on this land. One year they inadvertently did not file the annual statement of improvements, which cancelled the filing. Not being aware of this state of affairs, these people continued to improve and cultivate the land. It appears that Stimler got wise to this state of affairs and induced Hooper to become their tool and he placed his filing on this tract right in the center of the Pine Creek holdings on land partly cultivated and which they were actively engaged in preparing for the season's crops. Hooper gets his water from Anderson Creek, but has threatened to also take water from the Fisherman creek. He has become acquainted with the fact that Alac has not filed on his land and has threatened to place his

wife or children on the tract. This knowledge of Alec's not having filed, evidently came from Stishler also. Alec is much excited over the situation.

Clay is a friend of Stishler's and stated the situation as it was and does not want to be quoted in the matter. He also mentioned, though advisedly, that the Fine Creek people are scrapping the land between them and Anderson Creek and will deprive him of water from that source. Very few people know this and he just got the information. Cooper, he says, is rather overbearing, and the other Indians are afraid of his threats, which statement is also borne out by our files. I will probably hear more of this matter from Atkinson, Monday. I expect we must take some of these statements with possibly some leeway and yet if this is the situation in a general way and the Fine Creek <sup>people</sup> really have some equity in this land, even though they may not have clear title, it will not help our office, nor the Indians in that neighborhood, if we prohibit his cause under the circumstances.

I am preparing a form of notice for Alec to post on his land. Clay believes he ought to file on the water right without delay, but says he cannot help him in a pecuniary way as he did the others and was wondering whether we could handle the expense on a reimbursable basis. He is anxious to have it done on a reimbursable basis, as otherwise, Spud and Fisherman would feel aggrieved and might object to repay the outlay made by Clay in their



behalf. I am not sending you any files herewith, but in case you would care to go over the files, you can write me what you want. I don't see anything further we can do just now, but think that this whole matter had better be investigated at an early date as possible, giving all an opportunity to be heard and the matter of advancing Alec's filing form would receive proper attention then.

Yrs. respectfully,

(Name)