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June 28, 1927.

Re--Cosens Spencer.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th instant having reference to the desire of Mr. Martin Griffin for a conference with yourself and myself dealing with the matter of a joint report made by Engineers Murray and Warren on the Chilco Ranch-- Stone Indian Reserve Irrigation System.

In reply I beg to say that this joint report was perused very carefully by myself while I was in Ottawa, and an opinion was given as to what proportion of the cost should be borne by this Department. Mr. Webb, when submitting the report to Ottawa, did not give his opinion as to how far this Department should be committed in the matter and he was asked for his opinion.

Since my return to Victoria, Mr. Webb and I have discussed this matter very fully, and he is now preparing, I believe, a memorandum on the subject. I think this will be completed very shortly and the understanding between us was that it would be beneficial for both this Department and Mr. Spencer that a conference should take place to discuss the merits of the joint report, which I will be pleased to attend as soon as Mr. Webb is ready. It might be advisable, therefore, to get in touch with him on this point.

Your obedient servant,

WED/HM.

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