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the area on a 40-60 basis for one year, forty percent of the net returns from the crop to go to the owners. Or, failing this, that Mr. Irwin be authorized to make the best arrangements possible to plow and seed the land from which crop was allowed the Indians last year. In this case the Department would be required to furnish funds for plowing and seeding and harvesting the crop, but would be reimbursed from the returns of the sale of the crop.

The acreage in dispute, that is, the difference in area between what Dr. Bruner set aside for the Indians and that which they are by resolution to retain—approximately 30 acres, should also be included in the acreage Mr. Irwin should arrange to cultivate, but before doing so I should like to have the Department's instructions in the matter, as it may be the Department would prefer a settlement with Dr. Bruner and a subdivision survey made before cultivating this particular tract.

From a careful examination of all the circumstances involved in connection with the reclamation of this Reserve, I must be frank and say that it is my considered opinion Dr. Bruner would be generously paid by receiving the west half of the Reserve in payment for the work done by him. Moreover, it is understood that such projects are on a 50-50 basis, and there isn't any justification that I know of for the Department acting on behalf of the Indians to depart from this basis in considering a settlement with Dr. Bruner.

Yours faithfully,

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