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LOS ANGELOS, CALIFORNIA,  
August 5, 1866.

Sir: As this is the time for making my annual report in relation to Indian affairs, I beg leave to make the following statement:

In consequence of the very small amount which has been furnished for the Indians in the southern portion of the State very little has been done for them, and except the Mission Indians and Cahuillas nothing. The condition of the Mission Indians has changed very little since my last report. The difficulties at that time existing have quieted down, and the authority of the chief, Manuel Cote, appears to be respected.

The small amount of seeds and farming tools furnished during the last year very materially benefited and assisted the Indians in raising their own subsistence, and were it not for certain persons living in their vicinity and among them who furnish them with intoxicating liquors, and in return get nearly all they raise, the Indians might live quite comfortably. In fact, the selling of whiskey and influence of lawless whites causes all the difficulties that exist among the Indians. I can suggest no remedy, except a reservation, from which all lawless persons could be excluded. There has been some trouble among the Cahuillas, and the difficulties can nearly all be traced to the influence of bad white men.

I have not visited Cabeson valley since last spring, but am informed the Indians made good use of the few seeds and tools distributed to them, and I can only renew my suggestion that a reservation be established in that valley, and that a practical and experienced man be placed in charge. The expenditure would be comparatively small, and I have no doubt in two years the Indians would be self-sustaining.

The Chimelivues on the Colorado river, and the Pah-Utes of the desert, have been quite troublesome during the last year. Several persons have been killed by them, and many animals stolen. These Indians are composed of roving bands, having no fixed habitation, but changing from one watering place to another on the desert, in order to pick up a precarious living. I can suggest no other course to pursue with these wandering tribes than to gather them together in a reservation at some point on the Colorado river and compel them to stay there. They will be much more difficult to manage than the other Indians west of the Colorado, but I think by judicious management they can, in a short time, nearly, or quite, support themselves. These Indians have lately made a foray and driven off the government stock from the military post at Camp Cady, on the Mojave river. They were pursued by the soldiers, when they turned and gave battle, killing three of the soldiers and mortally wounding one, the remainder being obliged to retreat. Re-enforcements have been sent from Drum barmekis, but the damage is done, and it will cost the government more to replace the property stolen and chastise the Indians than it would to have fed them all on a reservation for a year.

The Chimelivues are undoubtedly a branch of the Pah-Ute tribe, and I am satisfied they are concerned in running off the stock from Camp Cady. They have been for some time at war with the Mojave Indians on the Colorado river, and are in a state of starvation. They have no means of subsistence except lizards, desert rats and mice, and occasionally a jack rabbit, if they can kill it. I have in a former report represented the condition of these Indians, and suggested the only remedy I can see. I have had no authority or means of providing for them, and it would be of no use to go among them without both. I think there would be no difficulty in getting nearly or quite all of them on to a reservation on the Colorado, and when once there, by proper management, they can be kept and taught to work.

Accompanying this you will find an estimate of the personal property, land cultivated, and other matters relating to the Mission Indians. I am sorry to say they have been sadly neg-

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lected, although, in point of intelligence and industry, they are far ahead of any other Indians in California, and I would recommend that schools be established among them at an early day.

Trusting that my report may meet your approbation, I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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