

## ANSON V. PROUTY

IONE SERVICE STATION

Main Street and Preston Avenue

SUPERVISOR TWP. NO. 2

Ione, Amador County, California

December 14 1933.

Mr. O. H. Lipps,  
Superintendent Indian Agency,  
Office of U. S. Indian Affairs,  
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Referring to correspondence on the subject of Indian Welfare concerning the Indians of Amador County, After Deliberate consideration, and after consultation with others whose <sup>judgment</sup> is prudent and cautious, I submit the following.

The plan, briefly, proposes the purchase of a 30 or 40 acre tract of good tillable land with an available supply of water.

That each Indian family be given or leased an acre or more of this land with a house thereon sufficient for their needs.

That each parcel be tilled and developed by the individual family, and in the united group competition for excelling be made an laudable object, with generous recognition thereof, by the U. S. Indian Service Superintendent, or such committee he may have selected for such service.

The 1930 census gave Amador County an Indian population of 125 Indians, 97 of whom are now living in or near Ione, the balance scattered throughout the County.

The Two Reservations in Amador County are useless both as to location and quality.

These could be sold and the proceeds applied to the Purchase of a suitable tract within a reasonable distance of the schools and employment.

I would say that land suitable for such a project would cost around \$150.00, and would be money well spent even from a humane stand point. <sup>per acre</sup>

The Indians are living under deplorable conditions and the County is only able to grant them temporary relief.

Hoping the Government will be able to help these poor people,

I remain,

Yours Truly,

*A. V. Prouty*  
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lone, Amador County, California

December 15.1933.

Mr.O.H.Lipps,  
Sacramento, Calif.

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Dear M.Lipps:

Inclosed find Two letters

in re Indian welfare.

As you will see One of these letters was prepared by  
Mrs. Warrington and the other by my self, hers dated Nov.23rd.

You may use One or both as you see fit.

With Kindest Regards,

I remain, Yours Truly,

*A.V. Prouty*

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P.S. I cant guanantee that all the Indians approve this plan.  
In fact One of them just came in to tell me that he had  
been makeing inquiries among them and very few of them  
approved the plan.

What they want is the cash but I think it would be a  
crime to give it to them. In a short time it would be gone  
and they would be back right where they are now.

A.V.P.