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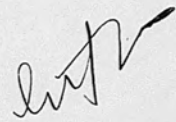
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1930

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January 8, 1930.

Rev. Lucius Zittler, O.F.M.,
San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Ariz.



Dear Father Lucius:

I enclose Preservation Society check for \$200, covering your salary for attending San Carlos Mission, during the quarter ended December 31, 1929.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JR

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January 26, 1930.

Rev. Lucius Zittier, O.F.M.,
San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Ariz.

Dear Father Lucius:

I have your letter of December 26, copy of which I enclose.

I have been informed by the Indian Office that very few reinstatements are being made due to the desire of the Indian Office to build up the Service through the introduction of new blood, and that therefore no encouragement will be given Mrs. Theresa McGowan that will be practicable to effect her appointment as matron. Mrs. McGowan at her own request received a transfer last summer and soon thereafter left the Service. I was also informed that she had been too brusque in her dealings with the Indians, as field matron.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. McGr. William Hughes,
Director.

EJW:JR

Return this COPY to BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS
2021 H St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

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January 11, 1930.

Rev. Lucius Zittier, O.F.M.
San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Arizona.

Dear Father Zittier:

I enclose herewith Bureau check for \$4 covering
the gift of Miss Eva Kennedy of Covington, Kentucky,
designated for you.

Upon receipt of this donation, please write a letter of
thanks to the donor and forward it through this Bureau for transmittal
by me to the donor.

Yours in Christ,

Wm Hughes
Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

HS.

San Carlos Mission

Rec'd, Aug. 18, 1930

Received the check named above

(Signed)

Rev. Lucius Zittier, O.F.M.

(This form satisfies the Bureau but not the donor. Send me letter for
donor. Pictures mean much both to the donor and to THE INDIAN SENTINEL.)

San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Gila Co., Ariz.

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Rt. Rev. Mgr William Hughes,
2021 H St. N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Re. Rev. dear Monsignor:

Herewith I acknowledge
receipt of Preservation Society check
for \$ 200.00 for salary covering the
quarter ended December 31, 1929

Thanking you sincerely I am

Most respectfully,

Fr. Lucius Zittler.

[JAN. 20, 1930]

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2021 H St., N. W., Washington, D. C. February 7, 1930

Rev. Lucius Zittier, O.F.M.,
San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Arizona.

Dear Father Zittier:

I enclose herewith Bureau check for \$ 4, covering
the gift of Miss Evelyn Kennedy, Covington, Kentucky, which was
designated for your mission work.

XX
Upon receipt of this donation, please write a letter of
XX
thanks to the donor and forward it through this Bureau for transmittal
XX
by me to the donor.

Yours in Christ.

Wm Hughes
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director

LB.

Received the check named above

(Signed) *Rev. Lucius Zittier, O.F.M.*

(This form satisfies the Bureau, XXX
XXXXXXXX Pictures mean much XXX
AND to THE INDIAN SENTINEL.)

February 18, 1930.

Rev. Lucius Zittier, O.F.M.,
San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Ariz.

Dear Father Lucius:

I have received a gift of \$200 from the Propagation of the Faith, Syracuse, \$100 of which I have assigned to payments due you quarterly.

I wish you would address a letter of thanks, without envelope, to Rev. John J. McCreary, the Director of the Syracuse Propagation of the Faith, and send it to me for transmittal.

My purpose is to express gratitude for past favors and to encourage future favors. But I must ask absolutely that you do not communicate directly at any time with this donor.

Tell the donor something interesting about your work.

You will no doubt recall that last year Father McCreary sent me \$100 which was also applied to the payments I send you quarterly. I think, therefore, that in your letter of thanks it would be well to mention the fact that you appreciate Father McCreary's continued charity.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:JR

1930

Copy for *Bureau*

" to *Fr. Zittier*

Orig. to donor

MAR 5 - 1930 *JK*

Rev. John J. McCreary,
Director of Propagation of Faith,
Syracuse, N. Y.

San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Gila Co., Arizona
February 26, 1930

Dear Father McCreary:

Learning that your recent generous contribution of \$200 to the Catholic Indian cause made it possible to render financial aid to my missionary efforts among the Apaches of San Carlos Reservation, I am anxious to express herewith my sincerest thanks. Your generosity has seconded a worthy cause, since these Indians are a manly and intelligent bunch, which, when once gained to the faith will represent a commendable unit in the Catholic population of the United States. With cordial thanks.

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) Fr. Lucius Zittier, O.F.M.

Copied by TB.

April 14, 1930.

Rev. Lucius Zittler, O.F.M.,
San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Ariz.

Dear Father Lucius:

I enclose Preservation Society check for \$200, covering your
salary for attending San Carlos Mission, during the quarter ended March 31, 1930.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MW

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April 18, 1930

Rev. Lucius Zittler, O.F.M.,
San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Arizona.

Dear Father Zittler:

I depend on you to write me a letter of thanks for \$100, the gift of Father Charles A. Erkenwick, Pastor of Holy Ghost Church, Chicago. Send the letter to me. I will forward it.

Father Erkenwick has made a gift of \$500 which he leaves me free to distribute as I wish.

You have already received the \$100 in the quarterly check which I am sending you regularly. You understand that your quarterly check is made up of such donations. I have no other source of revenue.

True gratitude as well as that gratitude which has been defined as the expectation of favors yet to come, will, I know, prompt you to write me a good letter for him. I know you will be good enough not to write at any time direct to the donor. In your letter you should not mention quarterly payments.

Father Erkenwick is the Chicago priest who was shot about a year ago. His recovery was almost miraculous.

Wishing you a basket of golden eggs for Easter, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,

W.H./M.B. Lgth. rec'd fr. 5/5/30 MB.

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Elys R. de la Motte

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Your request need them we complied
with at once and most gladly.

I beg not to think of it that in a case like this I should feel inclined to betray your trust. I perfectly realize your situation and its demands to guard privileges exclusively its own. Whence never worry.

Hoping the enclosed letter will
appeal I am

Very sincerely,
H. Lucius

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

COPY FOR:

Bureau

San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Ariz.

Rt. Rev. and dear Monsignor:

Your letter was received. Your request voiced therein was complied with at once and most gladly.

I beg not to think of it that in a case like this I should feel inclined to betray your trust. I perfectly realize your situation and its demands to guard privileges exclusively its own. Whence never worry.

Hoping the enclosed letter will appeal, I am

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Fr. Lucius

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COPY FOR:

Bureau
" " *884 M. E.*
" " *me*
my sub-donor 5/5/30 MAB

[ENCLOSURE]

San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Ariz.

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Rev. and dear Father Erkenwick:

Again I am fortunate in being able to offer you my sincerest thanks and appreciation for the liberal gift which came to our little Apache Mission through the courtesy of the Right Rev. Monsignor Hughes, as part of the amount sent him by your Reverence for distribution among the needy missions. I am extremely grateful for the portion allotted to us therefrom, mostly so, because it carries to me the conviction that our Indians still has friends who unostentatiously come to his aid. Without such intelligent co-workers in the mission fields, especially among tribes who up to a recent date had courted quite different aspirations than to become loyal children of the Catholic Church, it is of vital importance that her representatives be able to show them that this church takes an unflagging interest in their spiritual welfare, this, however, were impossible for any human agency without the loving help of generous friends who stand behind the missionary. "From the stomach to the heart the trail is short" used to be the old adage, old or new, without giving oneself to indiscretions I have found more than once that its truth has the weight of gold. Oftentimes people are apt to think, if the missionary is sent only among them, things will adjust themselves. Either such a missionary, would he succeed, must be a star of first magnitude on the firmament of the kingdom of heaven, or the precise moment must have arrived which the Lord had decreed, wherein to make children of God out of wayward offenders. Neither is the case among our Apaches. There are some who were and are not deaf to the "Voice in the wilderness." Whence we keep on fishing with the ordinary bait. Our Lutheran competitors are still strong by our side, and the medicine man eyes us with the anticipations of his reverses. Nevertheless we have an encouraging little bunch of children who here and in our Catholic mission school near Phoenix prepare themselves for Baptism. When at Mass on Sunday mornings they sing hymns with youthful clear voices, it feels so remarkably strange that after the few years of cultural training the olden dreadful aspect has changed to something like this. This Indian has many good traits. Despite the backwood man, he is, he has the stuff of a gentleman with a rough grace, and a heart susceptible of kindness, who when viewed in the light of his history conjointly with the varying will of the Lord does not fail to evoke our interest, which to deserve he is at present making hard efforts.

Again, Rev. and dear Father with cordial thanks and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Fr. Lucius Zittier, C.F.M.

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July 8, 1930.

Rev. Lucius Zittler, O.F.M.,
San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Ariz.

Dear Father Lucius:

I enclose Preservation Society check for \$200, covering your salary for attending San Carlos Mission, during the quarter ended June 30, 1930.

Very sincerely yours,

Eugene J. Welch,
Secretary.

JR

40-42

San Carlos Mission

Rice, Ariz.

July 15, 1930

Rec'd July 21, 1930 Amt. Paid
Rt. Rev. Monsignor William Hugh,
Director, Bureau of Cath. Ind. Missions,
2021 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Rt. Rev. & dear Monsignor:

Herewith I acknowledge
receipt of check for \$200.00 salary
for attending San Carlos Mission during
the quarter ended June 30, 1930.
Accept, I beg, my cordial thanks.

Most respectfully,

Rev. Lucien Zittier, P.M.

San Carlos Mission,
San Carlos, Arizona,
September 14, 1930.

Rt/ Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director, Bureau of C.I.M.,
Washington, D.C.

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Copy to: P. & B. _____

Dear Monsignor:

Last week I sent a whole stage load of children to St. John's and it knocked me cold for \$115. That just made me a poor man with nothing to live on. Could you please reimburse me to that amount as soon as possible? I am sorry you could not get me that car. I had two accidents with the old thing of late. You can hear it rattle a mile off. One fellow told me it was suicide to ride in the old wagon. I figured the good work had to go on so I risked it. My conscience did not bother me, but my nerves did. You know what two and a quarter years will do to a car up in the White mountains, I have that wagon down here now.

Hoping you can brace me up with that reimbursement I am

Yours gratefully,

Rev. Fidelis Voss O.P.M.

40-423

October 8, 1930.

Rev. Fidelis Voss, O.F.M.,
San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Ariz.

Dear Father Fidelis:

I have your letter of September 14.

I am very sorry, but at the present time the Bureau is
not in a position to reimburse you for the transportation of child-
ren to St. John's.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

EW:JR

Ann. _____
 To: _____
 Letter to _____
 Order filed _____
 Date _____
 Copy to I.S. _____
 Copy to _____

San Carlos Mission
 San Carlos Ariz.
 10/16/30
 Dec. 9, 1930

Dear Monsignor:

Enclosed is the
 quarterly report. Did you
 receive my letter asking for
 a refund on transportation of
 Whiteriver & San Carlos children
 to St. Johns for \$115. The company
 is waiting for payment over
 a month already. Please
 do let me hear from you
 on this affair as soon as
 possible.

With kindest regards
 I am
 Yours paternally
 Rev. Fidelis Voss, S.M.

40-42

October 10, 1930.

Rev. Fidelis Voss, O.F.M.,
San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Ariz.

Dear Father Fidelis:

I enclose Bureau check covering Marquette League donation of \$5.00
designated to be sent to you for interpreter's salary for October.

Kindly make acknowledgment of this gift direct to Rev. William J. Flynn,
Secretary General of the Marquette League, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City,
New York.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MC

40-42

October 16, 1930.

Rev. Fidelis Voss, O.F.M.,
San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Ariz.

Dear Father Voss:

I have your letter of October 9. Evidently this letter passed mine of October 8 on the way.

As I told you there, the Bureau does not undertake to pay for transportation. The Bureau pays a fixed amount to St. John's School quarterly. We can not possibly add to that amount. It is almost more than we can do to collect that amount, especially in a year like this. I am sorry.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:JR

40-42

October 17, 1930.

Rev. Fidelis Voss, O.F.M.,
San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Arizona.

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Dear Father Voss:

I enclose Preservation Society check for \$200, covering your salary for attending San Carlos Mission, during the quarter ended September 30, 1930.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

MW

40-42

November 18, 1930.

Rev. Fidelis Voss, O.F.M.,
San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Ariz.

Dear Father Fidelis:

I enclose Bureau check covering Marquette League donation of \$25.00
designated to be sent to you for interpreter's salary for November.

Kindly make acknowledgment of this gift direct to Rev. William J. Flynn,
Secretary General of the Marquette League, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City,
New York.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MC

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December 15, 1930.

Rev. Fidelis Voss, O.F.M.,
San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Ariz.

Dear Father Voss:

10, covering
the Notre Dame Sodality, Notre Dame Academy, Illinois,
one of our needy Indian missionaries.

JR

Because it is only because of such gifts as this that I am able to meet
my quarterly obligations to you, this \$10 will have to be deducted from
the payment due you for the quarter ended December 31, 1930.

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December 19, 1930.

Rev. Fidelis Voss, O.F.M.,
San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Ariz.

Dear Father Fidelis:

I enclose Bureau check covering Marquette League donation of \$300.00
designated to be sent to you for your greatest needs.

Kindly make acknowledgment of this gift direct to Rev. William J. Flynn,
LL.D., Secretary General of the Marquette League, 105 East 22nd Street, New York
City, New York.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MC

40-42
December 31, 1930.

Rev. Fidelis Voss, O.F.M.,
San Carlos Mission,
Rice, Ariz.

Dear Father Fidelis:

I enclose Bureau check covering Marquette League donation of \$25.00
designated to be sent to you for interpreter's salary for December.

Kindly make acknowledgment of this gift direct to Rev. William J. Flynn,
LL.D., Secretary General of the Marquette League, 105 East 22nd Street, New York
City, New York.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MC

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Coaldge Dam Memo.

[1930]

It was quite appropriate that Edson B. Meritt, formerly Assistant Indian Commissioner & now attorney in the Solicitors Office, was selected to represent the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at the dedication of the Coaldge Dam last March. It is not generally known that it was Mr. Meritt who saved from destruction the San Carlos Reservoir site by preventing the granting of a railroad right of way application through the heart of the reservoir site and thus made possible the construction of the Coaldge Dam and the irrigation of 100,000 acres of land in the Gila River valley. The credit is due Mr. Meritt for having saved a property from destruction that is worth approximately 25 million dollars and the Pima Indians will be benefited to the extent of one-half of this amount and the irrigation of 50,000 acres of land that would otherwise have been a barren waste.

The San Carlos Reservoir site, on which the Coaldge Dam was built, was condemned as being impracticable by a board of engineers, by two bureaus of the Government and the application of the railway company for the right of way through the

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San Carlos Reservoir site came to the
Indian Bureau with this record, where
the case was written up granting
the railway company the right of way
requested, which was approved by
practically all of the then officials of the
Indian Bureau except Mr. Meritt, who
persuaded the then Commissioner of Indian
Affairs, ^{Mr. Valentine} in a conference with the officials
of the Indian Bureau not to sign
the application, although he had dipped
his pen in the ink to do so. Mr. Meritt
contended that this reservoir site was
one of the most valuable in the
country and should be saved for
the benefit of posterity. He insisted
that a report should be made by
a board of Army Engineers as to
the feasibility of the site for a great
dam ~~and~~ notwithstanding the
adverse record in the case and
Commissioner Valentine finally
acquiesced to ^{Mr. Meritt's} insistent urging
that this be done. Legislation, ^{by Congress} was
later obtained and the Board of
Army Engineers sustained Mr.
Meritt's contention as to the feasibility
of the San Carlos reservoir site.

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appropriations were obtained for
the ^{construction and} completion of the Coolidge Dam
and a grateful Government selected
Mr. Muntz to represent the Interior
Department at the dedication of this
great dam, which will mean so
much for the Pima Indians and
the citizens and the State of Arizona,
and thus was completed one of the
most remarkable pieces of conservation
work and service in the history
of our Government.

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COPY FOR

COOLIDGE DAM MEMO

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It was quite appropriate that Edgar B. Meritt, formerly Assistant Indian Commissioner and now attorney in the Solicitor's office, Interior Department, was selected to represent the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at the dedication of the Coolidge Dam last March.

It is not generally known that it was Mr. Meritt who saved from destruction the San Carlos Reservoir site by preventing the granting of a railroad right of way application through the heart of the reservoir site and thus made possible the construction of the Coolidge Dam and the irrigation of 100,000 acres of land in the Gila River Valley. The credit is due Mr. Meritt for having saved a property from destruction that is worth approximately 25 million dollars and the Pima Indians will be benefited to the extent of one-half of this amount and the irrigation of 50,000 acres of land that would otherwise have been a barren waste.

The San Carlos Reservoir site, on which the Coolidge Dam was built, was condemned as being unpracticable by a board of engineers, by two bureaus of the Government and the application of the railway company for the right of way through the San Carlos Reservoir site came to the Indian Bureau with this record, where the case was written up granting the railway company the right of way requested, which was approved by practically all of the then officials of the Indian Bureau except Mr. Meritt, who persuaded the then Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Mr. Valentine, in a conference with the officials of the Indian Bureau not to sign the application, although he had dipped his pen in the ink to do so. Mr. Meritt contended that this reservoir site was one of the most valuable in the country and should be saved for the benefit of posterity. He insisted that a report should be made by a board of Army Engineers as to the feasibility of the site for a great dam notwithstanding the adverse record in the case and Commissioner Valentine finally acceded to Mr. Meritt's insistent urging that this be done. Legislation by Congress was later obtained and the Board of Army Engineers sustained Mr. Meritt's contention as to the feasibility of the San Carlos Reservoir site.

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at the dedication of this great dam, which will mean so much for the Pima Indians and the citizens and the State of Arizona, and thus was completed one of the most remarkable pieces of conservation work and service in the history of our Government.

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Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

-----TWO HUNDRED-----

Payment due as salary for attending San Carlos Mission School,

For quarter ended March 31, 1930,

\$200 Cordial Thanks.