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Mr. Edward Mead
United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Mead:

It is a long time since I have troubled you, and I suppose I would not be doing it now if you had not always proved so generous when I came asking for help.

I want some maps of the United States - maps showing irrigation schemes, waste lands, railroads. I should like to get, if possible, one published about 1880; (Anywhere within five or ten years of that date would be all right.) another about 1900; and another up to date. Is there any way to get these from the Government? Of course I should be willing, and indeed expect to pay for them. I will be very grateful for any information you can give me or for any other illustrative material.

I want this to use in a series of conferences I am to give out at Knox College in Illinois. I am particularly anxious they shoul get some idea of irrigation work.

Sincerely yours

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