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FROM: Jim Stanton

DATE: 5-24-04

TO: File

SUBJECT: T70569 Jeff Weber

This transfer was first filed a couple of years ago due to a BLM objection to the Director's Report on these rights. Weber farms some federal land under the Sykes Act, but the water rights were all in his name. He obtained a lienholder letter for the original transfer, but was forced to withdraw that application due to problems with getting BLM approval. He eventually split the rights with the BLM in the SRBA, but then re-filed the transfer on his portion of the rights to take care of some other issues. He tried very hard to get a new lienholder letter, but was unsuccessful. The new application is not so different from the original filing as to cause lienholder concern, so we should accept the original letter and approve this transfer.