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At a Council of Chiefs ^{and} leading men of the Arapahoe Tribe on the occasion of their Children's leaving for the Carlisle School the following instructions were given to their teacher in charge: Chief Sharp Nose said, -

"Haut you tell Commissioners we like our home. We want live here always.

We will be pleased hear often from Washington: and will endeavor to do whatever the Great Father ^{and} those in Authority may think best to require of us. We are anxious go on learning till we know how to do as white men do. We give our Children to the Government to do as they think best in teaching them the right way, hoping that the officers will, after a while, permit us go and see them. We give them to you to take where the Government directs, ^{and} want you talk good for them while there.

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We shall look forward with great anxiety to the day when we shall hear that our petition to go see our children has been granted - Then our hearts will feel glad, and we will rejoice.

We want the Department to understand that we live happy ^{and} contented when we know our children are being taught right; but there are not enough good men to show us how to plant and cultivate our crops. I send by my son, Dickens a pipe for the President of the United States.

That is all I have to say. "

White Horse, Policeman, said:

"What Chief Sharp Nose has said is all good - we will say the same. I send by my son Cyrus, a 'pipe of peace' to be given to the Hon. Secretary of War. We don't want fight with white men any more - our

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Hearts feel good toward them. I want you not cut my sons hair off. Tie it up this way (here he showed how he wanted it wrapped around the head and tied) It is keep nice."

Chief Little Wolf said, "I never been East, but now that my son is going there to school I want, after while, go see him, and see the new President and all the leading men at Washington who have charge of Indians. I want my son give this pipe (passing it over) to the Secretary of Interior."

Scar Face, Wolf Moccasin, ^{Little Shield} Friday, New Lodge ^{the} Washington, each spoke in turn, endorsing all that had been said, and each presenting a pipe to be taken to Washington, as presents - the most fitting in their estimation - to their

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friends.

Chief Black Coal said, "We send these "Peace Pipes" to the leading men of the Nation, hoping they will enjoy smoking them, and that they will bring to their remembrance, that we have given our children, whom we love, into their hands: and that they will then see that they are well taken care of.

We wish also to assure you by this that we never more want to go on war paths, but always live in peace, and hereafter follow in White Man's ways, thus fulfilling our promise to the Great Father at Washington, when some of us visited him. We are pleased with our new location and want to settle down to farming.

Tell the new President ^{and} officers we would like see them all - like shake hands with them. We saw the former Great Father

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but we only see the picture of the present.

Tell them we shall have our ears open next fall to hear the good news from them that we may go see our children, who are now going so far from us.

We want you show this letter to the Great Father at Washington. "

This is to certify that I was present at the council of chiefs by their request, and that the foregoing is a correct record of what transpired -

Shoshone & Bannock,
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