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Rosebud Agency.
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ask return of their children
from Carlisle & what they
may be situated at the
Agency.

See letter to Agent Cook June 1/81.

Min Cook ✓

Dept. of the Interior,

June 3, 1881.

Respectfully referred to the
Coms'r of Indian Affairs,

G. M. Mackwood
Chief Clerk.

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ROSEBUD AGENCY, DAKOTA
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United States Indian Service,

ROSEBUD AGENCY, DAKOTA,

May 23d. 1881.

To the
Hon. Secretary of the Interior
Washington D.C.

Sir. On last Saturday a general council of the Indians at this agency was held. It was intended that the Agent should be present, but it stormed so hard we concluded, not to call him out to join us. The subject matter of this council was the school at Carlisle and the constant sickness and frequent deaths of our children.

We have listened to the "Great Father" and heeded his words to us. We have given up our children to him to be educated that they may by his teachings learn the ways of the whites so that they may be civilized and when they come back to us help us on the road to civilization. All this we have done with a good heart. We are determined from this on to give up our Indian ways and live and act the ways of the whites.

We love our Children just as dearly as the whites do theirs
it grieves our hearts when we hear they are sick and we
mourn hard and long when they die and are taken away from
us. It is far harder for us to bear these afflictions when they
are separated from us. Now this letter we write not only to You
but one just like it to the "Great Father" The Secretary of the
Interior and to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

This letter is not written by one man but by the request of
all our Chiefs and Head men and all the Indians. Those
who love Children at School and those who want to send
them to school. We would not want our Children to come away
from our side if they could always keep well and not
die away from us. We cannot bear to hear of the sickness
and death of our Children - and we want You to listen to our
words. We tell them in all kindness and love to the "Great
Father" we ask you as you love and sympathize with us to send
our Children back to us, and with them a School and

teachers to educate them. This is all we have to say to you.

We are Your true friends.

Spotted ^{his} Tail
_{mark}

Two ^{his} Strike
_{mark}

White ^{his} Thunder
_{mark}

Swift ^{his} Bear
_{mark}

and the Council generally

Spotted Tail has asked me to add a
postscript to this letter and I do so very cheerfully. I have endeavored
in every way to induce these Indians to keep their children where they
are. The constant sickness and frequent deaths at the school
of our children renders it extremely difficult to keep these Indians in
good heart. and I do think as we sooner or later will have a school
your own it would be for the best interests of the agency and the Indians,
to comply with the request they have made. The mourning of those
whose children have died is simply frightful.

Yours Very resply. Cook. A95