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Spotted Tail, Chief
& others, at Rosebud Agency,
Dakota

Petition for the return
of their Children, from
the school at Carlisle,
"with teachers and a school."
Indian Agent Cook, recommends
compliance with the request.

Respectfully referred to the Secretary of the Interior.

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By direction of the President:

June 3 1881

O. L. Pender

Secretary.

Miss Cook

See letter to agent Cook June 14/81

Dept. of the Interior,

June 14/81.

Respectfully referred to the

Com's'r of Indian Affairs,

Wm Lockwood

Chief Clerk.

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ROSEBUD AGENCY, DAKOTA
United States Indian Service

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United States Indian Service,
ROSEBUD AGENCY, DAKOTA,

May 26th, 1887.

To the

President of the U.S. a

Dear 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 teaching 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 have Children at School and those who want to send them to School.

We would not want our Children to come away from Carlisle 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 sympathise 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} _x Tail
mark

Mr ^{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 of our 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 respectfully

Coast. Agt.