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Blue Teeth.

Rosebud Agency, D.T.

July 23, 1881.

W J Cleveland

Wants to come east
with visiting delegation.Forwarded by Lt. R.
N. Pratt.Wrap.

Answered Aug 16, 81

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 $\frac{10}{178}$ Indian Training School,
Carlisle, Pa.Aug. 5, 1881.Respectfully forwarded to the
Indian Office.I cheerfully recommend
that Blue Teeth be allowed
to come east to get his new
teeth. He needs them.

R. N. Pratt

1st Lieut. 10th Cav.

Rosebud D. D.,

7-23-81

Capt. R. H. Peath;

My dear friend I
hear that Spotted Tail & some others
are going east in a short time.
Now my dear friend, you remem-
ber when I was there before you
gave me \$5. in towards getting a
set of false teeth & told me to find
the rest of the money. I think I will
have it soon but I cannot get
the teeth out here. Now, I hope
my friend that you will get
permission from the President for
me to go on east when Spotted Tail
does so I can get my false
teeth. As soon as you get

wrote from the President I wish
you would write me what he
says & also send word to our
Agent as he will not prevent
my going. What difference does
it make if part of the travelling
expenses for the benefit of these people
is consumed by me? I say this
because I want to see my children
and get my teeth - these two things.
I think of going that you are
strong & I trust by you, I say
nothing against the Chief here,
but I think you can help me
in that & I want very much to
go & see you. I am very anxious
that you should help me & I
think if this could only be brought
about & I could go & see you!
I do not say this of my own
motion - you suggested the
thought to me & made me think of

getting the teeth & you set my
children to thinking about it &
for this reason, I speak by you
more on this subject as it were
in tears. When anybody gives me
advice I always take it & think
if what is told me & when you
come & want to see our children I
listened to you & have you told,
I say this because I am very anx-
ious to go there. If you know what
it will cost & how I can get there
I trust in you only to tell me.
Alas! My friend when I recall
your words the tears flow and
it is as one crying that I now
write you this letter. You whites
are all one & you occupy a place
under the President, I think in you
all. My children have asked me to
come they want to see me very much.
& for this reason also weeping I
address you. Blue teeth.

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You will be amused at Blue-
teeth's words & were it not for
the books it will give you in
answering this ancient skill
of nature I should take my pleasure
in sending you his words. There
seems to be no escape for me from
acting as arramensis for them
in much of their foolishness & at
the same time retain their confidence.
Moreover I don't see, as he says, why
part of the money for travelling expenses
was not put apart for him
as well as myself and this - especially
as he has his heart set on getting
some false teeth! Give audience
to his cries & respect the old
man's tears! Yrs sympathetically,
W. J. Cleveland.