

TUCATIES

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Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir:

I am wondering whether your files contain the following items. If so, I should be happy to know it and if not, I hope you may be able to suggest where they might be.

I would like to locate the proceedings or meetings of the following treaty councils with the Plains Indians:

1851 - At Fort Laramie with the Sioux, Cheyenne, Arapaho and other tribes.

1865 - At Fort Sully with the Sioux. This was engineered by Gen. S. R. Curtis and Newton D. Edmonds. I believe this treaty was signed October 28.

1867 - At Medicine Lodge, Kansas, with the Kiowa, Comanche, Cheyenne and Arapaho.

1868 - The so-called "Fort Laramie Treaty." I believe there was a council held at Fort Laramie in April, 1868, and another at Fort Rice. I would like to find the proceedings of both meetings and of any others which the same commission held that year.

1875 - The Black Hills Treaty with the Sioux.

1881 - The proceedings, minutes or agreements when Sitting Bull surrendered to the United States Army at Fort Buford July 18, 1881.

1883 - The treaty with the Sioux looking to the cession of the great Sioux reservation.

I should also like to know where I can find the report and, if possible, also the proceedings of the commission sent to investigate the Fort Phil Kearney Massacre of December 21, 1866, which led up to the Treaty of 1868.

I shall be grateful for any advice you can give me as to these items. If you have them, I should like an estimate of the length of each and the cost of having it photostated or copied.

Cordially yours,

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