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Washington, D. C.

Standing Rock,

November 19th, 1890.

Hon. T. J. Morgan,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.
Sir:-

Having just returned from Grand River District and referring to my former communication regarding the Ghost Dance Craze among the Indians I have the honor to report that on Saturday evening last I learned that such a dance was in progress in Sitting Bulls camp and that a large number of Indians of the Grand River settlements were participate. Sitting Bulls camp is on Grand River 40 miles south west from Agency in a section of country outside of the line of travel, only visited by those in connection with the Indian Service and is therefore a secluded place for these dances. I concluded to take them by surprise and on Sunday morning left for that settlement, accompanied by Louis Primeau arriving about 3 P. M. and having left the road usually traveled by me in visiting the settlement, got upon them unexpectedly and found a "Ghost Dance" at its height

There were about 45 men 25 women 25 boys and 10 girls participating (a large majority of the later (boys & girls) were until a few weeks ago pupils of the Day School of the Grand River Settlements) and approximately, 200 persons lookers on who had come to witness the ceremony either from curiosity or sympathy most of whom having their families with them and encamped in the neighborhood

I did not attempt to stop the Dance then going on, as in their crazed condition under the excitement, it would have been useless to attempt it, but after remaining some time talking with a number of the spectators I went on to the house of Henry Bull Head 3 miles distance where I remained over night, and