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Dear cir:

A telegram just received states that Indians from Grand-River were seen crossing Bad River, (a number of young men) en route to Rine Ridge. I do not believe it, but send the bearer to ascertain facts. I want him for if his horse is too tired, some other policeman) to return with the news or true state of affairs at once, so that I can advise the proper authorities. I have directed him to report to Bullhead, who is specially charged to watch just such a move, and who should know if there is any truth in the report.

Everything is reported quiet or rather quieting down at the other agencies, and I do not believe any trouble will grow out of this craze if prudence is used.

A telegram says that Col. Cody (Buffalo Bill) and a special agent are in Mandan en route here, and will reach here tonight.

Write me a line and send by bearer as to what your observations have been since you returned to Grand River.

Is the Dance going on, are the number of dancers increasing or decreasing, is their enthusiam as great, as it was and do you believe that any Indians have gone to Fine Ridge or other agencies from here?

Very respectfully.

(Signed) James McLaughlin, Ind. Agent.