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22nd 5th day Clear & Pleasant

Remained at the Agency through the day & rested

The Kiowas had talked to me a great deal before coming in, some of which I understood, but not all & consequently have not written it, but since coming in, when I can have the benefit of an Comanche interpreter I have found out what I did not before understand, of their talk & the comotions in camp

1st day & 2nd day morning

It appears that 1st day while travelling that the Kiowas came across a band of Comanches who were going on a raid into Texas, to steal ponies, the Kiowas surrounded them & told them that they should keep them until they had given them four talks, & if they then threw their talk away they should kill their ponies. Tear up their blankets & let them go raiding, naked & on foot. They were still holding them when we came in.

Wrote home No 34

23rd 6th day Clear & Pleasant

Started for the Wichita Agency alone where I arrived about 5 o'clock. I seemed very pleasant to get among

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my old friends of this Agency though the Agent & his wife are gone East. Put up at the school house

24th 7th day Clear & Pleasant, though some rain last night, & quite hot today. Remained pretty much about the school house & Commissary, it being the day for issuing rations

Too honey Kiowas not having arrived I feel a little uneasiness lest I fail in getting to camp. Wrote home No 35

25th 1st Clear & Pleasant

Attended the school for the children & after meeting took a ride with Alfred around to the different Cadito villages & farms, several new farms having been made this summer. The Indians making the rails & fencing them, the Agent only doing the breaking, the corn mostly looks well, & some of the fields are kept clean

25th 2nd Rain last night

Clear & Pleasant today

Remained at the school most of the day. I learned that G. Beede has arrived at the Cheyenne Agency on his way to the Kiowa Agency to make the final arrangements for the release of Tatanta & Big Tree. Mail from Till