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& I want to know now if these five chiefs camped here were to go in now, would they get their goods I answered I did not know, It would better for all the chiefs to go in together & then they could see that a fair distribution was made, & then there would be no ground for one chief to complain that he had not got his just apportionment; but I did not have that to do, & could not answer for the Agent

Kicking Birds Speech

relative to the difficulty with the Comanches,
 "This Country, from the Arkansas river to the Red river was given by Washington to his red children, the Kiowas, Comanches, Osages, Wichitas, Cheyennes, Arapahoes, Apaches & Caddos, It was a country of peace

I now see white men in it making lines setting up stones & sticks with marks on them We do not know what it means but are afraid it is not for our good. The Commissioner by making one bad talk has set all this country on fire, He has required a hard thing, which was not in the road our fathers traveled, it is a new road to ^{us} all the Indians of this country, & the Comanches cannot travel it, they cannot bring in the five men; if they attempt it, many women & children will be killed, & many ^{men} must die; it all rests on the Commissioner

This trouble will not affect the Comanches alone, it will spread through all these tribes & become general, It is a new road to all the Indians of this country, & they will be affected by it

I have taken the White ~~feep~~ people by the hand, they are my friends, the Coma