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The Honorable Charles J. Rhoads,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
1531 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

My dear Mr. Rhoads:

I am writing you because Secretary Wilbur's new Indian Policy, announced through the press, made me feel that a new day of hope and justice is dawning for our Indian people of America.

The success of the plan will depend largely upon you as Commissioner of Indian affairs. Likely enough various people will offer plans and suggestions as to what should be done. Some of these may be helpful and naturally some will be wrong. For this reason I believe you are entitled to all the information you can get regarding any person who may approach you on Indian matters.

My attention has been called to the fact that a Sioux Indian by the name of Red Tomahawk, from the Standing Rock Reservation, North Dakota, called on you in Philadelphia very recently. I know this man fairly well and I feel it my duty to state that he is representing no one but himself, though he poses as being a leader of his people. The following is an excerpt from a letter received today from Indians of the Standing Rock Reservation. The writer says:

"I am enclosing a clipping in favor of the members to look out for Chief Red Tomahawk, as he was not sent by