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RED CLOUD AGENCY, NEBRASKA,  
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Sir: In accordance with instructions relative to annual reports of Indian agents, I have the honor to submit the following:

I first saw this agency on the 27th day of June last, and on the 1st day of July relieved Lieut. C. A. Johnson, acting United States Indian agent under the military administration of affairs at Red Cloud. I found about 6,700 Indians camped within a radius of two or three miles from the agency, including the northern band of Arapahoes and Crazy Horse's band of wild Northern Sioux, and ten or fifteen lodges of Cheyennes.

Owing to the disturbances that have lately occurred in this country, and the necessity for military interference, the occupation of the Black Hills country by miners, and the anticipated change of the location of their agency to the Missouri River, the Indians keep up a fever of excitement; but, notwithstanding, I find them generally disposed to be quiet and orderly, and whatever may have been their desires and hopes, and however great their final disappointment, they have accepted the situation with considerable grace, and express their determination to henceforth "travel the white man's road," (Crazy Horse is an exception, and will be mentioned hereafter,) and should the new agency be fortunately situated in reference to agriculture and stock-raising, I believe a large number will try to do something for themselves. Many of them are now trying to cultivate patches of land along the little streams adjacent to the agency. Some of them have used their hands for shovels and hoes, and have shown them to me worn and bleeding. My acquaintance with them has been brief, and I find no records of the past in this office to assist me in making out the accompanying statistics, and to furnish me other useful information./62/

It appears to me, where these Indians are now located, that there is little opportunity to improve them in industry and morals; nor do I think there has been any improvement in either respect during the last year, and for