

able to do it now.

Q. Would the Indians around Standing Rock like to have the Government help them to be farmers like white men? - A. Of course we would like to have the Government help us to do this. We are not able to have farms and cultivate them ourselves without help, but we have commenced to plant small fields, and will have to do thus until we can take farms of our own.

Q. Do you want the Government at Washington to help you to do that? - A. Yes, sir.

Q. What do the Indians want the Government to do that will help them to have farms for themselves like white men. (Witness consults with the other chiefs.) - A. We want the Great Father to help us with everything that will aid us in becoming farmers.

Q. Would the Indians be willing for the Great Father to take part of what he spends for them now and use it to help them become farmers?

(No answer.)

Q. Do you think the Great Father will give the Indians all they want to eat and wear, and still help them to become farmers besides?

(The question remained unanswered.)

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RED FISH.

RED FISH. Are you the seven men who were to come among the Indians from the Great Father to look into their condition?

THE CHAIRMAN. We have come to look into the condition of the Indians here, but there are not seven of us; we are a part of the seven.

RED FISH. I have been waiting for you to come among us, and now I am ready to talk to you.

The CHAIRMAN. We will be glad to hear anything you want to say about the Indians.

RED FISH. There was a council held some time ago at which there were present six or seven white men and a good many Indians, and this is something I keep in remembrance of that council (holding up a silver medal which he carried suspended from his neck). This medal and I are papers. The promises the Government