

Dec. 5/90.

Rice paper.

On back: St. Paul, Minn. Decr. 5, 1890. Genl. T. H. Ruger, Commanding Dept. of Dakota. Mail copy of telegram asking if any change in conditions making present action specially necessary &c.

Stamped: Standing Rock Agency, Received, Dec. 11, 1890.

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Copy telegram.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF DAKOTA;

St. Paul, Minn., December 5, 1890.

U. S. Indian Agent James McLaughlin,

Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Referring to telegram sent Colonel Drum, which he will show you; is there any change of condition recently which makes present action specially necessary? As you know, I am disposed to support you. Some prior movements I would like to see completed.

THOS. H. RUGER,

Brigadier General,

Commanding.

Official copy respectfully furnished by mail.

W. V. Barber,

Assistant Adjutant General.