

"Telegram

Fort Yates N D
January 22, 1891

Commissioner Indian Affairs
Washington D C

As directed I select John Grass and Mad Bear
with Louis Primeau as Interpreter to go to Washington.

McLaughlin
Agent

Collect Govt
Night Message. "

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Another long report to Commissioner Morgan, dated Jan 23 1891
contains more regarding authority under which he acted., and a
translation of the order in Sioux (which you have seen in my
possession - Welch). This letter contains six pages.

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Another four page letter, dated Dec 30, 1891, regarding disposition
of body of Sitting Bull - with military endorsements, etc, etc.
This in answer to a report by National Indian Defense Association,
that the body had been sold to a Bismarck man for \$1,000.00.
In this, H.M.Deeble, A A Surgeon U.S.A., Post Surgeon, says - 3rd End.
"I received the body of Sitting Bull about 4.30 P.M.
on the 16th of December 1890 and it was in my custody until it was
buried on the 17th. During that time it was not mutilated or
disfigured in any manner. I saw the body sewed up in canvas put in a
coffin and the lid screwed down and afterwards buried in the n.w. corner
of the post cemetery in a grave about 8 feet deep; in the presence
of Capt. A.R.Chapin, Asst. Surgeon U.S.A., Lieut P.G.Wood 12th
Infantry, Post Quartermaster and myself."

"4th Endorsement.

Fort Yates N.D. Jan 24

"Respectfully returned to Indian Agent James McLaughlin
inviting attention to 3rd endorsement hereon.
The grave does not appear to have been disturbed.

(Sgn)W.F.Drum

Lt Col 12th Infy.,

Comm'dg Post. "

5th Endorsement
Jany 27/91 .

Respectfully returned, etc * * *
I saw Sitting Bulls remains upon arrival at