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Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of even date and in reply I mention, primarily, as one of the causes which led the Northern Cheyennes to leave this reservation, that in the treaty made with these people in 1876 they were promised as a daily ration  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs Beef net,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. Flour, or  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. of Corn: and 4 lbs Coffee, 8 lbs Sugar and 3 lbs of Beans to each 100 rations, which promise has only been carried out in part--the supplies received being insufficient.

for the Chiefs and assistance to build houses  
They were also promised houses/for other cattle, Hogs etc. none of which have been carried out.

Again, they objected to the method of issuing rations by families, as tending to lessen the importance of the Chiefs. Under instructions, the issues to these Indians were kept distinct from the Southern Cheyennes and Arapahoes until July 1, 1878, the appropriations by Congress being made separately--This seemed to increase the ill feeling which has always existed between the Northern and Southern Cheyennes--Then--after July 1, 1878 the issues were no longer required to be kept separately, the Southern Cheyennes were encouraged to blend the Northern Cheyennes with their own people, in which they were successful to the extent of over 550 people, under Living Bear, Calfskin Shirt, Standing Elk, Turkey Legs, American Horse and others, who accepting this country as their permanent homes have placed their children in school and are well behaved.

The remainder of these people under Bull Knife, Wild Hog, Crow Indian, Little Wolf and others, separated from the majority and camped by themselves, from 7 to 12 miles from the Agency. These were regarded by the Southern Cheyennes as "Seceders"

On the 5th inst. information was given by the other Indians that the Northern Cheyennes, were constantly stealing their best ponies and that they had every reason to believe some of the young men of these Seceders had already gone north, and that the others were preparing to follow, To the end, that this office might know, with certainty whether these reports were justified, or not, an enrollment of all male