

Refer in reply to the following

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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON,

March 1st, 1882.

James H. Wilber,

U. S. Indian Agent.

Yakuma Agency, Wash. Terr.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 11th ultimo, in which you state, "that in 1855 several bands of your Indians were required to give an account of their guns, after which they were all taken from them by the Soldiers", for which reason the Indians are adverse to giving you the number and kinds they now have - as required by Circular No. 87 - for fear they may again be compelled to give them up. I have to inform you, that

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no such object was in view when
said Circular was issued.

In reply to your Request to be
informed "why said invoice of breech
"loading ^{and} magazine guns is called
"for, in order that you may satisfy
"your Indians that it is not for the
"purpose of taking them away". You
are informed, that it is for the
purpose of regulating the Amount
of metallic ammunition that licensed
traders may be permitted to sell to
Indians.

Very Respectfully
H. Price

/Andrews/

Commissioner.

March 1-1882
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Explanation of required
Causes of Guns