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OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*San Francisco, November 15, 1852.*

SIR: Since my last letter Major Reading has arrived, bringing fifty of the one hundred packages of Indian presents. The remainder, he informs me, will be here on the next steamer. As soon as they come I shall settle with him, in accordance with your order. I regret that they have been delayed so long, as it is now impossible to present them to the Indians before the spring, on account of the utter impossibility of travelling with a pack-train through the Indian country during the rainy season. I shall, therefore, start with a light camp equipage for the Colorado, with a view to seeing for myself the state of all the Indians between this place and that river, so that I may be prepared to help them in the spring, and to act intelligibly in my official capacity. I sent agent Wilson the list of articles brought by agent Reading, with the accompanying letter, a few days since. Enclosed you will find his reply.

I send by this mail his official bond, with my approval.

From Mr. Sheldon I have not yet heard, in reply to my letter enclosing his commission. I submitted my proposition for the settlement of our Indian affairs to the consideration of special agent P. B. Reading, and am pleased to find that he, as well as every other gentleman of experience in such matters, entirely concurs in the policy proposed, as the only one capable of affording permanent peace and quiet to this country.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. F. BEALE,  
*Superintendent Indian Affairs.*

Hon. LUKE LEA,  
*Commissioner Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.*

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