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Mr. George Bird Grinell
238 East 15th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Grinell:

Some time back I sent a letter to you c/o the Yale University Press. I suppose it has miscarried, so I am writing again. I am trying to get the facts about the Sioux Leader Sitting Bull with a view to publishing his story more truthfully than it has generally been told. No man living knows the plains Indians as you do, and I am writing this to beg your assistance.

Can you tell me anything of Sitting Bull from personal contact as regards his character, the secret of his power, and the opinion held of him by other Indians? Anything you may tell me will be most gratefully received. Of course I shall be happy to give you full credit for any information you may care to give me.

May I ask where I can find the published account of the Custer Expedition to the Black Hills in 1874, which you accompanied. Did you have trouble with the Indians on that trip?

Yours sincerely,

W. S. Campbell

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