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Dear Mr. Campbell:

Replying to yours of December 26th, I must say that I cannot definitely tell you when or where the councils took place, at which Sitting Bull spoke. My impression was, at the time, that the people were camped on Tongue River when he made the talk to which the Cheyennes referred, but this is no more than a guess.

From what I heard about Sitting Bull I inferred that he was a good deal like other Indians, and would much rather have been let alone. The Indians, however, apparently felt that the troops wanted to follow them up and fight with them. It is a long time since I talked about these matters and the question you ask never came up. Therefore, I do not feel that I can say anything very definite about the stand Sitting Bull took in the matter. I suppose that he would have avoided a fight if he thought that he could do so.

There are not many left alive of Sitting Bull's contemporaries. You may find some of these, however, who can give you something definite.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)  
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