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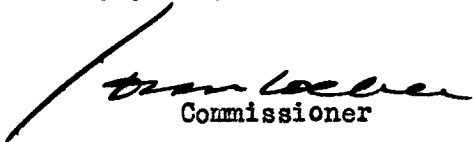
Professor W. S. Campbell,  
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Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Professor Campbell:

Your good letter of February 4 awaited my return from Oklahoma. I am intensely interested in the history of the Ghost Dance religion and all that ~~whole~~ fearful episode of Plains Indian life. I do believe that our program today (our hoped for program) is, as you say, largely an attempt to realize the policies of Sitting Bull.

Should you persist in your idea of dedicating the book to one who surely has not earned that honor, then I answer your question: the name is simply John Collier; I commenced my work with and for the Indians in 1920; I was secretary of the American Indian Defense Association until April 20, 1933 and since that date have been Commissioner of Indian Affairs, U. S. A.

Sincerely yours,

  
Commissioner

Enclosure

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