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Dear Dr. Campbell--

Yours just at hand. I enclose two items that I suggest that you publish "as is" in the book with my name to them, both for your own protection and for mine from future harping criticism. I'll stand behind these two enclosed items, if published, with a shotgun, the ax, and a handful of rocks. Then let them howl.

Yesterday in the drug store, I sent you come Cody cards under an envelope, but did not have your letter at hand, addressed them from memory with a pen, and I note got the initials wrong. Pardon.

As for coming kicks about the book, I doubt if you can publish a single statement about any frontier event, or man, but what some one will rise in righteous wrath to kill it, and you with it. But writers worth their ink are seeking the truth, not praise, and my ancient definition as an editor of a good piece of writing is "That over which they quarrel the most", for a book that no one notices, not even to throw a brick at its author, is a flat failure.

If I can in anyway be of more aid to you--preface, inserts like the two enclosed, reading over the Ms. before printing, or the proofs-- just ask, and it is yours.

Good New Year,

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