

University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.
September 10, 1929.

Mr. A. B. Welch,
Mandan, N.D.

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Dear Mr. Welch:

I have come home from my expedition among the Dakotas with a great deal of fresh information. I visited the fair at Ft. Yates and also at McLaughlin and had a very pleasant time. As it happened, I ran across the Fast Horse family and in talking with them learned that the painted tipi you mentioned was made about twenty years ago. Others confirmed this and I finally was obliged to conclude that you had been misled as to the authenticity of the drawings upon it. It seems quite certain that they could not have been made by Sitting Bull, though probably representing the events of his life accurately.

Inasmuch as the drawings do not meet the specifications of our bargain, my publisher will not advance the funds to pay for them. I am therefore returning them under separate cover. However, as I asked you to send me the drawing by Old Bull of his exploit, I shall retain that and send you instead the earlier Sitting Bull drawing which I paid for. I trust that this arrangement will prove satisfactory to you.

We all enjoyed our visit to the Sioux country, and one of our pleasantest recollections will always be the two visits to your office. If ever you come to Oklahoma, by all means let us know.

Cordially yours,

W.S.CAMPBELL