

Sitting Bull himself told me how the massacre of General Custer took place - He said General Custer was following after us with his troops, we threw by our Scouts were he was encamped at Big Horn just the night previous to the massacre, we also found out from our Scouts, that they were unprepared for a sudden attack from us. Our Scouts informed us that their ammunition cartridges were as yet screwed down in the boxes, and that according to appearances they were not aware, that we were in close proximity to where they were encamped. From our Scouts reports, all seemed to be in our favour, the situation of the camp, and also the unpreparedness of General Custers party - Custers troops were encamped in a hollow of the Big Horn. I proposed to the rest of the Sioux, that General Custers party should be surrounded during the night and a sudden attack made upon them at break of day, thus taking them by surprise and with their unpreparedness, it would be no trouble to exterminate them, but we all mutually agreed that General Custer himself should not be killed, but to be taken alive, and kept as a hostage - for future agreement