

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 knew by our Scouts were he was encamped at Bighorn river 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 favor, 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 Siouxs, 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 agreements

After the plan of attack was finished - The rest of the Siouxs prepared themselves for the carrying out of the same - I myself "Sitting Bull" at once started with the old and young, in order to place them across the Big River for safety - This I done, but I was not present when the attack for the massacre took place in the early morning. The other Siouxs who took part in the massacre told me, that when they surrounded the encampment of General Custer - General Custers men were not aware of them (the sioux) Consequently, at early dawn, when the shrill whistles of the Sioux were sounded, as the call