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My dear Stanley Vestal:

I am sorry to say that at this distance I am unable to give you anything on Crazy Horse that would be likely to help you. My knowledge of him was obtained from old Oglala, and from several white men who knew him. Not many white men ever really knew him. Perhaps no white man ever had his confidence. I know, however, that his was a fine spirit and I am inclined to admire him a little more, in certain ways, than any other of the Indian heroes.

As for the wound you mention, I do not understand you. The question sounds almost as though you might be associating Crazy Horse with the Messian trouble, but of course this is not possible, for you know as well as I when Crazy Horse was killed and how.

In conversation, I think I might be able to nit upon some points that might interest you. I should say that Captain James H. Cook of Agate, Nebraska would be a good man to see when next you are up in that country.

I am sorry that I could not meet you when I was in Oklahoma City, but I hope that sooner or later we may become better acquainted.

With all kind thoughts,

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