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Capt. W. S. Campbell,
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Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 14. I rejoined my regiment from college duty in 1889 at Standing Rock (Fort Yates), North Dakota. At that time Sitting Bull and the Sioux Indians were located on Grand River just across the state line in South Dakota and were being rationed from Standing Rock. I met Sitting Bull frequently between that time and his death and was a member of the expedition that brought in his dead body. I have not the time to write you a descriptive account of my acquaintance with Sitting Bull or of the circumstances which led up to the "Ghost Dancing" disturbance which almost broke up the public schools established for the benefit of the Indians and finally resulted in the expedition which sought his surrender, and as a result of which Sitting Bull was killed.

I refer you rather to the reports of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for that and previous years for all the details of the life of Sitting Bull including those immediately preceding his death. You doubtless have these reports in the library of the University of Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Crowder

P. S. It might be well to examine a book entitled, "My Friend the Indian" by McLaughlin who was post trader at Standing Rock at the time Sitting Bull was killed. I do not recall whether he mentions in that book the circumstances in detail as to the death of Sitting Bull.