

March 13, 1929.

Major John Carignan,
c/o Jack Carignan,
Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Last fall I sent a letter to you asking for help in my research on the life of Sitting Bull. I have had no reply. Mr. P. E. Byrne of Bismarck tells me that you taught in the Government school near Sitting Bull's camp and that you can tell me some details about the old medicine men's trouble-making tendencies. There have been a lot of sensational stories published about this Indian. What I want is the truth, and by the truth I mean facts, true stories, what he did and said, etc. I shall be very grateful to you if you will help me and give me the true account of the doings and sayings of Sitting Bull, known to you.

I have been getting stories of his relations to a Mrs. Seldon also. They say she was the mother of one of his children. What was she doing in his camp, anyway? Please let me hear what you know about this. Can you give me the names of any of the Indians who sided with Sitting Bull during his last years? Please help me if you can. You need have no fear that I will misquote you.

Dr. E. H. Ross informs me that in addition to being agent at Standing Rock for a time you were an Indian trader at Fort Yates. I am particularly interested in Sitting Bull's relations to the traders and if you can tell me something about that I shall be mighty grateful.

Sincerely yours,

W. S. Campbell.