Dear Major Ahern:

I was very sprry to find that I could not get to Washington after all. Perhaps someday I shall be altogether my own man. I had so much to talk over with you.

One thing is pressing for answer now. I would like to know in what stage the Congressional bill for a monument to Sitting Bull now is. I understand that it has been going forward for a long time.

One query also I wish to offer. What were Sitting Bull's reactions to the letters you read to him? Some of them must have been queer, some insulting, some laudatory. I shall eagerly await your reply. It will help a great deal to know what emotions and what remarks- if any- he expressed when you read his mail. Do you recall any particular answer to any letter which he dictated? For example- when someone asked for his pipe?

Yours cordially,

W.S.CAMPBELL