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Mr. Arthur Larsen,  
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St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

I am working on a life of Sitting Bull, and learn from your office that the archives contain certain materials which may be of use to me. My friend Mr. Buck suggests that you might be induced to dig a little for me. If so, may I ask what your charges would be? Be merciful to a poor professor!

I have a letter from Miss Virtue (dated July 26- see your files) which states that there is a passage in the Larpenbeur papers telling of a meeting with Sitting Bull in St. Paul when he was with Major McLaughlin (year not stated). I want a transcript of that passage, with date.

The John Wickes Taylor papers you need not touch.

The papers of De Smet will not be useful unless they contain a description of Sitting Bull on Powder River 1868, or quote him differently from the Life and Letters of De Smet, Vol III, page 912. His speech at the council is not included in De Smet's Life, but I have it from another source, and so will not require it. Probably there is nothing here. Please see.

Adams, Aiton, Gare, Thomas, Flandrau, Daniels and Armstrong might help, insofar as they touch the campaigns in middle and western Dakota. I am not interested just now in the campaigns in Minnesota. However, an account of the battles with Inkpaduta and at Killdeer Mountain, and anything relating to the Red River Half Breeds selling arms and ammunition to the hostiles might help.

Please let me hear from you.

Faithfully yours,

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