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Mr. Charles Francis Bates
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Dear Colonel Bates:

Thanks for your good letter of November 14. You are quite sound in your opinion as to how research among old timers should be conducted. I put nothing in my book for which I did not have more than one account by reputable eye-witnesses, obtained through different interpreters at different times. My best Indian informant was a man who learned to write his own language in 1879 and compiled an account of all the engagements in which he took part within a few years of their occurrence.

Yours very cordially,

W. S. Campbell