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Mrs. Franke Baldwin,
1011 Sixth Street,
Santa Monica, Cal.

Dear Madam:

May I introduce myself and ask a favor?

I am an old Rhodes Scholar and a Professor of this University. Though known since childhood by the name of my step-father Campbell, I prefer to publish my historical work under the name of my own father, Stanley Vestal. Just now I am working on a life of Sitting Bull, the Dakota leader.

I have just read the memoirs of General Baldwin. It was admirably done, and everyone will all the more proud of the officer who was so successful for reading it. It occurs to me that he may have told you things about his battles with Sitting Bull which have not been included in any printed volume. If so, I shall be most grateful if you will let me have the facts.

It is my opinion that the soldiers understood the Indian far better than the agents or missionaries. After all, they were both fighting men. Perhaps I am prejudiced because the men of my own family were always in uniform in the wars of the United States, but such is my belief. If you can help me, please do. I shall be happy to give you full credit when my book comes out.

Faithfully yours,

W S Campbell

Formerly Captain, 335th F.A., A.E.F.