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Dear Mr. Brunstrom:

Thanks for your letter. I am pleased to know that you are interested in our American Indians, particularly the Plains Indians, of which the Sioux (Dakota, Lakota, Nakota) are one Federation.

I did posess Sitting Bull's medicine bundle, which had power to make rain. It was given me by One Bull, his nephew, but during the drought of the 1930's he asked me to return it, which I did. However, I still retain the crucifix which Father Pierre Jean DeSmet gave him at the treaty in 1868 on Powder River. He is shown wearing this in one of the old photographs.

The University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Oklahoma, has just republished my book SITTING BULL, and this photograph is reproduced in the new edition. Since you wish to buy the book ($5.00), you will find the picture of that item in the book. I am enclosing a list of my books on which I have marked others dealing with the Sioux and other Plains tribes. These are all out of print, but can be obtained, no doubt, through some such rare book dealer as James Neill Northe, 15 South Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

WARPATH, the biography of White Bull, Sitting Bull's nephew, you would find interesting. In the magazine AMERICAN HERITAGE for February (the current issue), I have just published White Bull's account of how he killed Custer, with his own drawing of the deed.

I am asking the University of Oklahoma Press to send you their catalog which contains the titles of their fine series "The Civilization of the American Indian Series."

Another book that this Press will publish within a few months is THE INDIAN TIPI by Mr. and Mrs. Laubin, for which I wrote the preface and historical introduction. It is lavishly illustrated, and will show you how to make, use, and enjoy that best of tents.

Cordially yours,

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