

is needed unless the war party is about to make an attack, then the chief might say, "Here we are. If we are successful the next Sun Dance I am going to make a certain number of cuts on my flesh." The rest might say the same thing. The leader might make a prayer then. He would pray for success. That would be about all. There was no way of making medicine while the battle was going on. The only thing would be either a vow or a prayer before the battle.

Arikaree Narrative - They found place near the Rosebud where the Sioux had been making medicine. One was a sweat lodge. The sweat lodge is something they have wherever they go. Even if they are to camp a day or two. As to the sand I never heard of it. It was just boys playing with the sand and meant nothing. The diagram with stick and stones might mean that some men had formed a vow.....

Robinson's letter cont'd. - SB generally makes his headquarters between the Powder River and the Little Missouri. Of course, every now and then he goes to the Rocky Mountains. In 1773 he probably did not go out there for any reason. It was in 1775 that he went to avoid making a treaty.

1776 - There were Cheyennes and Oglalas. Oglalas had Crazy Horse. In fact, there were several bands but they all had their head men and they had consolidated into one large Sioux tribe and SB was the head chief. Though some say each band was controlled by its respective leader we can't call them chiefs, but leaders. Gall was under SB. All the Huncpapas were under SB. Gall of course was a prominent figure just about that time. During the battle SB spent most of his time rescuing the wounded etc. Gall was probably leading the charge against Custer. I never heard much about the Reno forces. Any more than their saying that if they had started to continue the battle they would have wiped them out just as well.

I have seen the place where Custer made his last stand, with all