September 25, 1929.

Major Thomas DeFrees,
c/o Adjutant General U.S.A.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Major Thomas S. McCaleb has given me your name as one who might help me with first-hand information with regard to Sitting Bull and the Sioux campaigns. It happens that I am engaged upon a life of Sitting Bull which I hope to make accurate and true. I shall be very grateful for any assistance you may care to give.

Perhaps I should explain that I am an old Rhodes Scholar and the author of several books of western history. Though known since boyhood by the name of my stepfather, Campbell, I prefer to write under the name of my own father, Stanley Vestal. Please help me.

Yours faithfully,

W. S. CAMPBELL
Formerly Captain 335th F.A. A.E.F.