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Prof. W.S. Campbell,
Norman, Okla.

Dear Professor :

If you send me a photographic copy of Sitting Bulls "map", I shall ask regarding the pictographic record. Jumping Bull was his father and not his brother. Bulls own first name was Jumping Badger. The Sioux recount deeds of valor at certain ceremonies or dances. If a song is sung in honor of a certain man and his name mentioned, he then has that right. They did so too, in olden times, and at present too, when a man visited a strange camp, where the people did not know him. He was then allowed to recount some "coup" as an introduction. I am somewhat familiar with Bulls fights and warrior history, and can no doubt work out some of the history on the robe, as I have made a close study of Plains Indians pictography. I shall be glad to do so for you.

You will pardon me I am certain, when I request to be allowed to retain the odre for S.B.'s arrest. I also have the original contract for his appearance with a show throughout the east, indicating terms, length of time and appearances. It is my intention to write a history of this old medicine man, together with the reports made by Major McLaughlin (Indian service) and Col. Drum (U.S. Army) both at Fort Yates at the time of his arrest and burial. The reports will cover many pages and would be quite expensive, and I would not care to have them leave my hands, but at some future time when in St. Paul, will have them with me and intend to have photographic copies made. I am sending you copies of the order for his arrest, both in English and Sioux; copy of the order for the last buffalo hunt in N.D.; copy of Carrignan's letter to McLaughlin. These orders were carried by Sgt. Red Tomahawk by night, over country of some sixty miles; the Police were collected and the attack made the daylight of the 15thth, Dec, 1890. Capt. Fochet was in command of the Cavalry which went down there also and waited for reports of the fight before showing up. It was hoped that the Police could secure him without a fight, but also known that if soldiers showed up, a fight would be precipitated immediately. I will ask you not to use this record in your book, but you may use the information secured from their examination. Kindly return the papers after ~~you~~ you have examined them.

Winter is coming on rapidly. The Indians will soon hibernate for the season. There are a few old people about yet, so if you want the history of S.Bulls coups, send the photo of his blanket at once.

Sincerely,

A B Welch