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United States Post Office

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Mandan, North Dakota,
July 10th, 1929.

W.S. Campbell,
Norman, Okl.

Dear Mr. Campbell :

I am forwarding to you, a Sitting Bull picture taken from a hide ledge made by his neice and now owned by her daughter. I thought at first that they all were pictures of coups of Sitting Bull, but I found out that I was mistaken. However, I have them all, :

Number 1 to 9, incl - Iwasakuwa, Swift Dog, White Bull, Eagle Bear, Hekisla, Sitting Crew, "Sitting Bull, his Father", Charging Bear, and Makes the Enemy.
Number 10 to 16, incl - Sitting Bull pictures, made by himself upon the ledge. Number 14, made very carefully, (traced) and colored as the original, is going to you.

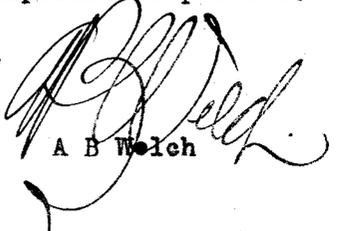
Number 17 is not from the above mentioned tipi, but taken from the painting as made by Old Bull, one of Sitting Bulls principal lieutenants. I have 60 other drawings, which are not yet classified and copied. They are ceremonial ledge drawings, and the tipi was presented to me in 1913, by the members of the Bear Clan of the Tetons. 2/2

I have been careful to make the colors upon the body of the horse and two men, just as nearly like the original as possible. I could easily make it look better, but then that would not be what is wanted. Transparent paper used on the tipi, then carbon to this sheet. Am sending you the one I had finished for my own collection and will make another when I get time. I believe that there are two or three of S. Bull upon the ledge I own. (Copy # 2),

I shall be in camp at Fort Riley from July 21st to Aug 1st, and would be glad to have you call if you drive that far afield. I shall be in command of the 9th Field Artillery; the 307th Observation Battalion and the Headquarters of the 7th FA Brigade. It will be easy to locate me.

I trust that you are pleased with the new unpublished picture.

Yours very sincerely,


A B Welch

Am obtaining the full details of the ledge ownership, who made it, when, etc.