Mandan, North Dakota,
May tenth,   1930.

Dear Mr. Campbell :

          Herein please find photostatic copies of
original order for the arrest of Sitting Bull, and the same
of the envelope in which the two orders were enclosed and
carried by Red Tomahawk to the Police camp on Grand River.
The one in Sioux language is materially the same and I have it
translated by several Indians, and send you same herewith.
Tomahawk still lives as you know. I danced a wounded man's dance
with him at the Cannon Ball, two weeks ago. He is dancing more
as he grows into years. Wjile he is not in reality a Chief, he
has been touted as such for several years by the press until now
he thinks he is.   I recently wrote sketches of famous Chiefs for
the N.P.Rwy, for their 37 new 82 feet de lux Pullmans, and enclose
a pamplet. Red Tomahawk has the honor of having one named for him.

          As there was no crime committed by which I came
into possession of the original orders, you are authorized to use
my name in this connection. On the Sioux letter, I myself, placed
the notation "Original Letter, ABW" thereon. The "Original Letter,
McL" upon the first and English letter is McLaughlin's own writing.
As they came into my possession within the same envelope , I took
it that he wrote the English one first, then, thinking that there
might not be a man present who would be able to read English and
that some one might read Sioux better and make a better translation
of the will of the Agent, he wrote an additional one in Sioux.
Some of it is quite difficult to translate, but the meaning always
come out the same.   It does not bear the postscript of the English
order.   However, Charlie and Antoine de Rocky Brain were both with
Bull Head (Afraid of Bear is another name of the same man) and so the
orders were read without difficulty. In a story which Tomahawk gave
me several years ago, he mentions that the Major wrote two letters and
put in the envelope, but said to him "Tell them not to let S.B. be
rescued or get away."

          With kind regards, I am,

                                        A B Welch,
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