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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

CUSTODIAN SERVICE

Mandan, North Dakota,  
October 15 th, 1931.

Mr. W.S. Campbell,  
Norman, Okl.

Dear Campbell :

I was delighted to receive your letter of the 12th inst, and I can imagine also that you were glad to get back from the famous Cote'Dor and get a breath of genuine ozone again. Now, my own choice for a retreat while compiling evidence and getting it into readable form, would be some log cabin by some little lake or domiciled within some hut on the Missouri river below Ft. Yates or on the Grande.

I regret that you have lost the photostats, for I have no others. It took considerable time to get what I had for some reason or other - probably they had too much work ahead of me, and I hesitated to send it to Washington for fear that I would not get the originals back. They have expressed their desire for them several times, but I can see no reason for disposing of them.

So I am sending them to you and you in turn may forward them to your publisher and he may then get what copy he desires for his press work. Let me tell you again that the Major himself placed the notation "Original McL" upon them and they were found in his effects after his passing. I placed the remark "Original ABW" upon the one in the tongue of the Dakota. This was however within the same envelope and no doubt went with the message in English which was carried by Red Tomahawk. (As you are aware, the correct translation of the name is "His Red War Club." The "Ta" makes that plain.) This man died and was buried at the Indian graveyard at Cannon Ball Station on the Standing Rock. I am enclosing a little correct history of him which you may desire to incorporate.

Please see that the documents are registered when sending in the mails. With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,



A. B. Welch.

Enclosed:

Letter-Carrigan to McLaughlin.  
Letter-McLaughlin to Bull Head -  
Letter-(Dakota) McL to Bull Head.  
Translation of above.  
Envelope.