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John G. Neihardt, Esq.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Neihardt:

My friend, Prof. M. G. Smith, of the Department of Anthropology of this University, informs me that you are about to publish a volume regarding the celebrated Dakota warrior, Crazy Horse. As it happens, I am engaged upon a life of Sitting Bull, who was- as you know- a close associate of Crazy Horse. If you have any unpublished data on Crazy Horse which might assist me in my study of Sitting Bull, I shall be very happy if you will let me see it. Of course I will give full credit when my book appears for anything you may help me to.

Of course, my own researches have been chiefly among the Hunkpapa Sioux, and I have little to offer regarding Crazy Horse in return for your kindness. If, however, I succeed in learning anything, I shall be glad to let you know. The only thing contrary to the records is the statement of a certain Sioux to the effect that Crazy Horse was wounded, and did not consider himself bullet-proof, as claimed. Possibly at one time he did, though.

I was extremely sorry that it was impossible for me to be in Oklahoma City when you were there recently. I wanted to meet you. Needless to say, I greatly admire your work.

Yours faithfully,

  
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