

December 5, 1929.

Reverend Rudolph Petter,
Lame Deer, Montana.

Dear Reverend Petter:

My friend, Martin Abernathy of Claremont, California, formerly an Indian trader, has suggested that I write to you for assistance in some historical work I am doing.

I am the son of J. H. Campbell, first president of the Southwestern State Normal School at Weatherford, and I have long made a hobby of western history and particularly of the Cheyennes. I am of course familiar with your excellent works on the Cheyenne language and shall be very happy if you can help me.

I am gathering materials for a life of the famous Sioux leader, Sitting Bull. I shall be very grateful to you for any information you can give me about the man, particularly stories or incidents or opinions regarding him which you may have obtained from the Indians. As you know, the books are ninety per cent. false.

Yours very cordially,

W. S. CAMPBELL.