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My dear friend:

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Your letter pleased me very much, it is very interesting, and full of questions. That is what I like. If there is anything I know, I am always glad to pass it on, and in that way we learn. It pleased me to hear that you had many friends among the Plains Indians. Of course the Sioux were the greatest fighters, never giving up until 1890, and they are the most progressive to-day, according to the statistics of the Government.

Now your first question about Sitting Bull being with Buffalo Bill. I never heard of him being with Buffalo Bill, in fact I do not think he ever was. The only time I know of him leaving the reservation to go away, was when that white man got hold of him and told him he would take him east to shake hands with the president. That is the time I met him in Philadelphia, and he was not very well pleased when he found out that they were passed Washington D.C.

Sitting Bull never walked with a limp, he was not lame. He was very straight for an old man, and he spoke no English.

Sitting Bull was not a famous warrior. He was a medicine man. A medicine man in my time was sent for when we were sick, and he was also our spiritual advisor, much the same as your ministers of to-day. He was not any where near when the battle of Custer was fought, so he could not run away.

He may have had his picture taken with a war bonnet on, that belonged to some body else, but he never wore one of his own. A coward could never become a leader of our people, and if a man did anything we considered beneath his dignity he was left alone. I have never heard of anyone that ever said Sitting Bull was with Buffalo Bill.

I took census at both Pine Ridge, and Rose Bud agencies for ten years, so I have a good chance of knowing all the old fellows, and they will tell the truth. My brother Henry Standing Bear is the man who adopted the President of the United States last summer, when he spent his vacation in the Black Hills. Brother Henry is a graduate of Carlisle school, and he prepared the full speech for that occasion.

If at any time there is any questions you may wish to ask, I will be glad to help you. Hoping to hear from you some time again, I will close wishing you a Very Happy New Year,

I am your friend,

*Henry Standing Bear*

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- ① Plains Sioux -
  - ② date of meeting in Phila - Allen -
  - ③ medicine man -
  - ④ prisoner at Ft. Randall - in camp? (see BB)
- Some of Hi eagle questions - ?