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Mr. Francis Zahn,  
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Friend:

I have been intending to write and thank you again for your kind letter of November 3rd, but pressure of work and the illness of my small daughter has prevented it. Now I can tell you how much I thank you for your great help in gathering facts about Sitting Bull. I was very glad to get the facts about Bullhead and Catch-the-Bear.

Did you ever hear of any other difficulties between the police and Sitting Bull's people at the Agency? You know so much about these things that I am going to ask you to help me all you can. Do you know when it was that Bullhead called Sitting Bull a woman? Or where it happened?

I have heard that once Sitting Bull saved a Ree named Bullhead from death on the battlefield, when the Sioux were attacking the Ree village because Bullhead and Sitting Bull belonged to the same secret society (The New Dogs). I have also heard that this Ree, Bullhead, was the father of Bullhead the politician. Can you tell me about this?

They say that Sitting Bull was arrested several times by the police for different things when he was at the Agency or on the Reservation. Can you find out about this? They say he was arrested for fighting with a man named Shell King in 1887. Two policemen and John Grass were on the Court of Indian Offenses at the time, but I don't know their names. Did you ever hear of this? What was it all about? Maybe your good friend Red Tomahawk can tell about this. It is very important that I know all about these things.

You remember that Gray Whirlwind told us about how Sitting Bull once shot two arrows over to a Crow warrior who had only his bow, and then used his own last arrow to kill the Crow. When and where did this happen?

I have been reading Mrs. Kelly's book about her captivity among the Indians, and how she was brought back by Sitting Bull's orders and turned over ~~the~~ to the soldiers at Fort Sully in 1864. They say Crawler brought her in and that 10 or 12 Indians came inside the fort gates with her. I wonder why Sitting Bull wished to restore her to the soldiers. Was he one of those who rode in with her, do you know? What chiefs or warriors were with her when they rode into the fort?

I find in the book of McLaughlin the statement that Walking Eagle went to Washington with him and Sitting Bull and others in 1886. In Mr. Crawford's book, it says that this was Black Prairie Dog. Is this one man, or two? I wonder which of them really went? The others were Louis Primeau,