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Fort Yates, North Dakota.
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Mr. Walter S. Campbell,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Kola:

Your kind favor of the 19th instant received. Now comes this man Clover. It is a fact that Clover and Jack Carrignan did go down to Sitting Bull's camp and took a picture of what he (Clover) afterwards advertised as the only picture of the ghost dance. Now comes one Little Soldier, an Indian policeman who visited Sitting Bull's camp several times before December 15, 1890. "The Indians did not dance the ghost dance in the daytime. They danced during the night. A grass dance was held in the day time in conjunction with the ghost dance which was held in the evening!" As a matter of fact Clover took a picture of the grass dance and later styled it the ghost dance. As to this man Clover discrediting my father's statements, it must be remembered that Clover was in position to know the movements of Buffalo Bill. Cody stopped at my father's place where he had coffee prepared by my mother who is still living. My oldest brother and another brother remember when a man with long hair stopped at our cabin. My mother remembers the event. In 1915 when Buffalo Bill's show came to Bismarck, our whole family were guests of Cody. Mother remembered him as the man who came to the cabin in 1890. Said Buffalo Bill, "Billy (meaning my father) is this the woman you had when I was at your place during the excitement caused by my friend "Bull!" In speaking of Sitting Bull, Buffalo Bill never used the word "Sitting"; it was only the word "Bull!" Thus you will see that Clover has no proof for discrediting my father's story. Clover's knowledge of Indians was very limited.....so limited that he cannot speak with authority. His attacks on your book should be considered as NAUGHT. So much for Clover. I am still gathering material for my own book. It is a difficult task. The oldtimers are going fast. Since you were here last, many have hit that long trail. Thanks for your wishes to my father and mother. I shall tell them when I see them. With best wishes to yourself and family.

Ho-hecetu!

Frank Zahn-Interpreter