

November 23, 1928

Major John Carignan  
Fort Yates, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Carignan:

Mr. T. E. Byrne of Bismarck, North Dakota has given me your name as one who can give me reliable information about Sitting Bull, the Sioux leader. I am trying to get the truth about that Indian with a view to publishing his story. If you will help me, I shall be glad to give you full credit for any facts you may tell me, or if you prefer to treat your communications as confidential.

I am told that you taught in a school near Sitting Bull's camp, and worked with Major McLaughlin in bringing about Sitting Bull's arrest. If you can tell me the details of that affair, I will be greatly obliged to you. There are so many wild stories in circulation that I would like to know the truth.

Can you tell me what the Indians thought of Sitting Bull? -I understand there were several factions on the reservation, each under its own leader. Can you give me the names of any of the men who were prominent in support of Sitting Bull? How do you account for Sitting Bull's influence over the Indians?

Any facts regarding his character, deeds or words will be very much appreciated. Please help me if you can.

Yours sincerely,

W. S. Campbell