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Professor E.S. Campbell,  
Norman, Oklahoma:

Should you get a spare moment, jus drop me a line letting me know how you are progressing with the work. Am so anxious to see it completed that do not want to bother you.

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I found the name and address of the person to whom I gave my special copy of "Sitting Bull-Custer", after he failed to get a copy elsewhere. It is Dr. P.G. Cole, A. Schrader's Son, Inc. 470 Vanderbilt Avenue, Brooklyn. This special copy has drawings of some of the characters made by the Indian No-Two-Horns, who is now old, and a son of Masu-Luta, at one time one of S.B.'s Lieutenants. I gave him a copy, which he much prized, though he could not read it; had to get others to interpret it to him. Later I happened to see that he had drawn on the flyleaves these pictures, especially the one representing Sitting Bull's "dumfounded Astonishment" as Custer's Ghost materialized before him as he was soliloquizing over Custer's dead body, according to the tradition. This Ghost, according to form of a young sprout of a tree, and immediately assumed the complete likeness of Custer, because Custer was wholly and completely brave, otherwise a Ghost may be a long time gaining the full personality of its flesh-person. I gave him another copy, and \$10 in money, and thereby was hardly able to get him to part with his copy---had to promise not to publish this special picture, since it connotes beliefs rather secret or sacred to Indians.

Sincerely  
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*While it was optimistically hoped that the least of a warrior would be able to fully materialize at the end of a year after death, yet it frequently required several years -- and sometimes re-birth once or more in some relation or descendant. If, however, a warrior was wholly and completely brave with no regard for self and so no fear, and was also fully honest and sincere (ow'dona) at the moment of death, then the Ghost which always comes out from the temple in the form of a tree sprout, might immediately assume the full form and likeness of the person. If Dr. Cole should consent to publish this picture, I would not object. I would send this special copy to him -- on his being recommended to me. He is a collector of such things, and if an old man like me kept it, it might be lost, naturally it will be published someday.*  
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