

December 27, 1928.

Mr. E. A. Brininstool,  
Box 1072, Station C,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Brininstool:

I have been reading Standing Bear's book, "My People the Sioux" and note that you had a hand in preparing it. I wonder if you will do me a favor? On pages 184, 185, 186, and 187 I find an account of how Standing Bear found Sitting Bull on exhibition in one of the Philadelphia theaters and that Sitting Bull supposed himself to be going to meet the "great father" at Washington, though really in a show. I am trying to trace the movements of Sitting Bull in his later years and particularly through the East, and it would help greatly if I could learn the date, at any rate the year and season, when Standing Bear saw Sitting Bull in Philadelphia.

I have written to Standing Bear through our publisher but have had no reply. I know that old Indians have difficulty in putting pen to paper and I thought that perhaps you would take the trouble to ask him about this and give me the facts. I suppose this happened in the winter of 1884 as Sitting Bull signed a contract in September of that year to go on a trip to the East, but it may have happened after Sitting Bull's experience with Buffalo Bill's show in the summer of 1885. If you will help me in this, I shall certainly be grateful.

Faithfully yours,

W. S. Campbell.