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Dear Mr. Allen:-

I did not take any bust photo of old White Bull at the time I took photos of him and all the other old Sioux who took part in the Custer fight. However, to get the bust effect, all you have to do is cut the photo off at the waist. I took several pictures of this remarkable old Indian; also group photos of all the Sioux now living on Pine Ridge reservation who were present at the Custer Anniversary in 1926, where I was a member of the National Committee that promulgated the affair. I have quite a souvenir of White Bull. It is the old iron tomahawk-pipe with which he claims to have killed two soldiers in the Little Big Horn affair. I correspond with this old Indian yet, through some of his progeny who can write, as the old man speaks no English.

I have probably one of the largest collections of old Indian and frontier photos in existence. Have many of Sitting Bull; also of his son, Crow Foot, who was killed with his father Dec. 15, 1890, when the Indian Police attempted to arrest him at his cabin on Grand River.

I am somewhat curious to know how Stanley Vestal got material enough for a life of Sitting Bull, unless it may be a rewrite of what has appeared in print already about him, as I do not see how it could be obtained in any other way. I wonder if he has got the story how Buffalo Bill went up to Standing Rock reservation, with an order from Gen. Miles, to arrest Sitting Bull, and how Agent McLaughlin "put it over" on Cody--and doubtless saved his life by so doing. I got all the details of this from a retired army officer living here, who was in the 8th Cavalry, and accompanied the troops on that trip. The troops, however, were held in reserve while the Indian Police attempted the arrest, and were not to mix in unless there was fighting. They were held a mile back in a patch of timber, and by the time they had arrived on the scene the shooting was over, and there were many dead lying around. The joke on Cody was that they got--and kept him--drunk at Fort Yates (on Standing Rock reservation) all of the first day and all night, while McLaughlin could get in touch with Washington and get a countermand of Miles'