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Dear Mr. Linderman:

I sure appreciate your kind offer to help me.

I know nobody could get the facts from the Crows as you can, and I count on you to try when you get home again in June. I am going up to Dakota and then to Canada to interview some old-timers among the tribes who had contact with him during his exile there (1877-81), and if I have time may drive by and see you. But I hope you will not wait for that, but get what you can. One thing I think you ought to get which I can't well get from the Sioux--stories of defeats and failures of Sitting Bull and his band in war. I have already spent some years on this project, and have pretty well verified and dug up Sitting Bull's war record on the successful side. But you know Indians don't have much to say of their failures, and you can help me a heap just there, I am sure. Of course, I would like to get the places and of the fights time as exact as possible, so as to check one record against the other. I have already got the story of more than forty encounters in which he took part: contrary to the general opinion, he was a brave man, and a war-chief of his tribe. His relatives and members of his Society all say he was not a medicine man at all: so much for propaganda!!

Anything the Crows have to say about Sitting Bull, his fights, his peace councils and talks, and especially any anecdotes they recall about the man himself will be mighty welcome. I'll gladly give you credit for your help. And I'll be happy to provide a feast on a moderate scale for