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Mr. W. S. Campbell,
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

Please accept my apologies for not writing to you long ago to acknowledge and thank you for your letter written last September. I appreciate your effort in my behalf even though I am tardy in telling you so.

After receiving your letter last fall I talked the matter over with Mr. Gatchell and we concluded that the season was then too late to attempt a trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation before this coming spring and consequently I devoted what time I could spare in making several visits among the Crows in southern Montana. I have met with some success there but information on the matters uppermost in my mind was obtained more in the form of tribal history handed down from one generation to another than from actual participants. I found that the Crows who now living, although old, did not inhabit the Powder River country during the latter part of the past century like they did the first half. This was due to the fact that the Sioux and Cheyennes had driven them more to the northward mere for a permanent territory, although they did travel through it more or less.

My greatest hope for information of the Powder River country now lies with these two tribes. I made one trip last fall, late, to the Cheyenne Reservation, but aside from obtaining a general idea of the country itself, did not gain a great deal of history from the Indians. Mr. Gatchell has promised to accompany me there during the coming summer and through Willis Rowland, believes that some of the information which I desire may be obtained.

Regarding a trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation, Gatchell and I decided to wait the coming season, when he has promised to accompany me. We are in hopes that this may be planned to take place at the time when you are working among the Sioux as you stated in your letter you planned to do. Mr. Gatchell said that he would give me a letter to you but I would not dare to attempt my work in this manner for fear of doing something wrong which would in any way jeopardize your contemplated work there. If this plan meets with your approval, I believe that Gatchell would be glad to assist in carrying it out and I am sure that I would like to do so.

I shall await your opinion of my proposal, trusting that we may be able to plan a mutual trip.

Sincerely yours,

Howard B. Lott