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Mr. William E. Johnson  
Box 199 - Jeff. Co.  
Summerville, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thanks very much for your kind letter praising my book. I published four other books dealing with the Plains Indians, all of which are now out of print but might possibly be obtained through a rare book dealer such as James Neill Northe, 15 South Robinson, Oklahoma City 2, Oklahoma. I have checked these on the enclosed list of my books. HAPPY HUNTING GROUNDS is a fictional story, though all the incidents in it actually happened at different times. WARPATH is the biography of Chief White Bull, Sitting Bull's nephew, the man who killed Custer. You will find his story of how Custer died in the magazine AMERICAN HERITAGE for February, obtainable at any newsstand. If they don't have a copy, they can get one for you, as the magazine only comes out every other month. In one of my books, KING OF THE FUR TRADERS, also out of print, I had something to say about the Iroquois, who were a very fine Indian people. In fact, they say that our Constitution with its federation of states is based on their organization.

As you may know, Sitting Bull's body was removed from its original grave and is now in a more accessible tomb near Mobridge, South Dakota. I believe some plans are already under way with regard to a monument, though just when I cannot say. I suggest you write to the Chamber of Commerce at Mobridge for information about this.

I think you will find our "Civilization of the American Indian Series" the best list of its kind in the world.

WARPATH AND COUNCIL FIRE covers the period from 1851 to 1891, and is the story of the Plains Indians' struggle in war and in diplomacy to keep their country from the whites.

My NEW SOURCES OF INDIAN HISTORY is a compilation having to do with the Sioux and the ghost dance, etc.

Yours cordially,

W.S. CAMPBELL  
(Stanley Vestal)

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