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My dear Prof. Campbell,

Permit me to ask you what it's your opinion concerning that picture, published in the CHICAGO TRIBUNE Sept. 4th, by Dennie Moran, who claims that old Chief Red Cloud is seen on the photo. You must have read the article written by Maurice Frink of the Elkhart Daily Truth, as you have corrected him in two details (Fanny Kelley's husband and Seven Council Fires).

I told Mr. Frink that I belong to those who do NOT believe Red Cloud is seen on the picture. You know, Mari Sandoz says that Red Cloud was omitted from the official photograph, but that Red Cloud was in a second -unofficial- photo. Well and good - but I couldn't make out that Red Cloud should sit beside that woman as told by Mr. Frink. I have seen many pictures of Red Cloud -but "something is wrong" with that claiming that Red Cloud is to be seen on that Moran-picture.

Frank Goings from Pine Ridge, also Will G. Robinson (of the South Dakota State Historical Society) says that it IS Red Cloud. George Hyde, John Colhoff etc. claims that it is not the chief. I part with the later mentioned.

Henry Standing Bear (who is a friend of Mr. Frink), as well as Spotted Crow from Pine Ridge were very prejudice in saying "that they can't see well".

I have told Mr. Frink also that American Horse seen in the picture is not that chief who was killed at Slim Butte. He died at Pine Ridge in 1906. The same error is done in that Schmitt and Brown-book: Fighting Indians of the West. There is also a picture of "Crazy Horse", but I am sure 100% that it is NOT the Oglala warrior who was killed at Ft. Robinson 1877. (Did you read Brininstool's "Crazy Horse"?)

Lately I bought also Robert Utley's: Custer's Last Stand - a small booklet, which I found interesting, but I found many errors.

Then I was pleased with the two portfolio of 'Sioux Indian paintings' by Alexander (Szwedzicki, Nice 1938). Probably you have seen it. I heard that Mollie Pretty Cloud must have 440 pages of drawings made by Amos Bad Heart, but is not parting with it. That material should be made obtainable and published, but Mr. Scudder Mckeel, Helen Bliss, Helen Higgons tried to get it -but without any success.

Finally to say, Mr. Frink should have been checked up the material before publishing it (between you and me, please).

I would be glad to hear your opinion about this Frink-Moran-"Red Cloud"-photo (1875?)

Thank you very much in advance for your information.

Cordially yours,

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