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Mr. John C. Ewers
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Dear Mr. Ewers:

I find in my last letter that I omitted some sources which might be of interest with regard to Sitting Bull's surrender and the arms he carried. In my New Sources of Indian History, page 245-260, is the Sioux account of Sitting Bull's surrender, as given to me. In the book, page 263-297 is a story of his time as a prisoner of war, at Fort Randall. On the chance that you do not have my Sitting Bull, I will be more specific. At the Big Horn, Sitting Bull had a revolver, .45 caliber, and a '73 model, carbine Winchester, .44 caliber, center sight with one band. The newspaper man Diehl of Chicago or Saint Paul wrote the account of the surrender I believe and later published his biography (the title escapes me). This may conceivably have something more or less reliable in it, or the newspaper story he wrote at Fort Buford in 1881.

There is also an unpublished letter to the President which Sitting Bull dictated at the time of his surrender. I have a copy somewhere, but it makes no reference to his weapons.

The account of his nephew who was present disputes fancy stories told by journalists.

I hope these references may be of service. If you find any other sources in the papers of Brotherton, or official reports, I should be happy to learn of them.

Yours cordially,

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