

so favorable to the Indians,) was afterwards recognized by him to be a damage to them. He had to be watched to keep him from committing suicide in Washington, when he realized how he had been swindled. The Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse factions regarded him as a ~~damaged~~ dupe ~~xxx~~, and Spotted Tail as a traitor. My information as to Sitting Bull's eminence, influence, and official power comes not merely from the Sioux, but from all the tribes he had contact with--notably the Cheyennes, his allies. I do not think I have exaggerated these in the least.

There is only one way to establish a warrior's rating. That is, to get the full story of his individual exploits. Red Cloud, Gall, Spotted Tail, Crazy Horse all await the historian who would do them justice. If the truth were known, Crazy Horse--in my opinion--would easily surpass the other three. But as things stand, the rating of any of them rests upon nothing better than general opinions.

Yours very truly,

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