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Dear Stanley Vestal:

This is a rather late reply to your good letter of July 25 (from B.C.). T've been busy with many things--and also away from Denver, on several mort trips. In another week we will have our annual Westerners' outdoor "doings" at the "Cave" -- and wish you could be here to enjoy it with us. Our speaker this vear is a man named D.D. Monroe, from Clayton, N.M. -- an amateur historian but a good one, I believe. He will talk on something like the "Spanish Influence in the Southwest" -- or something similar.

Getting up a list of Custer items that I have has proven a tough job le. I have "stuff" in about ten different places--and many are in cartons, which are not easy to get to. We are so terribly crowded for shelfspace in the store--there simply is no more room for books there--either on the main floor or in the basement. Also, my home is filled; and two outside storage places are filled. I have assured myself that not later than 1958 I will be entirely out of the retail bookstore business --- and my hope and plan is to have two or three rooms in an office building--where I can just specialize in Western Americana. If and when I get all my Americana together, so that it is visible, and all in one place, I can promise you a grand I've had quite a job finding my sight--possibly 7500 different titles. Custer stuff; in fact, there are one or two good items I thought I had, but couldn't locate them. The following, however, I do have--and I'd be glad to supply these to vou, (or any part of them) -- as long as I have them in stock:

- 1. Custer's Luck; by Stewart; (this is Univ. of Okla. Press) -- \$5.95.
- 2. Graham: The Custer Myth -- 10.00.
- Graham: Story of the Little Big Horn-- \$5.00.
- 4. Merington: The Custer Story-- \$5.00.
- Fougera: With Custer's Cavalry -- \$3.00.
- 6. Brininstool: Fighting Indian Warriors -- \$5.00.
- Brininstool: Troopers with Custer -- \$5.00
- Maine: Lone Eagle, the White Sioux (has 1 good chapter on the Custer Massacre)-- \$4.50.
- 9. Graham: The Reno Court of Inquiry--(abstract of the Official Record) \$5**. 00**.
- 10. Graham: I also have a copy of the very large book (1td.to something like 125 copies) which Graham privately had made of the entire or complete Testimony. This was originally published at \$35.00 but now brings \$125.00. I paid \$75.00 for my copy (only recently) -- and would sell for \$100.00.
 - 11.
 - Custer, the last of the Cavaliers; by Frazier Hunt-- \$4.50. Van de Water: Glory Hunter-fone of the best books on Custer; a fine 12. copy of the original edition -- \$10.00.
 - 13. The Godfrey Journal; recently published in a ltd.edition--\$6.00.
 - 14. Spotts: Campaigning with Custer -- somewhat water-stained; but a scarce book--published 30 years ago in a limited edition-- \$10.00.
 - I Fought with Custer (the Story of Sgt. Windolph); ed.by Frazier 15. and Robert Hunt) -- now quite scarce -- \$8.00.
- 16. This is just about the rarest Custer book of all--and certainly one of the most important: The Custer Tragedy; by Fred Dustin. Its a big book--and represents a life-time research by Dustin, (who recently died, by the way). This book was limited to only about 250 copies -- and brings \$100 to \$125. I'll let you have a beautiful copy for \$75.00. (Could on reverse page)