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Mr. Ewald C. Litzleben,  
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Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago I wrote you asking for aid in my research on the life of Sitting Bull. I have had no reply and suppose the letter has miscarried. Since I wrote you I have been investigating the records of the War Department and Indian Office and have learned a great deal. However, the opinion of an experienced man like yourself would be very valuable to me. Can you tell me any true stories showing what Sitting Bull did and said at the agency, how he kept his influence over his followers and what his attitude was toward the schools, the missions and the agent? I have plenty of opinions. What indeed most is true stories which will illustrate his character and point of view.

I am not a sensational journalist but a serious historian. One of my dearest friends for twenty years was John H. Sagar, head of the Indian school at Colony, Oklahoma, and I understand something of the problems you had to meet. It would be a pity, in my opinion, if the heroism of pioneer educators among the Indians should be lost to history. You need have no fear that I will misquote you. Indeed, if you prefer, I shall not quote you at all.

Sincerely yours,

W. S. Campbell.