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Dear Mr. Higheagle:

Thanks for your good letter of September 28, and for the twentyfive stories about Sitting Bull it contained. They are just what I wanted. Thank you.

I wish that you could give the time and place of the stories every time, if possible. And also, if you give words of Sitting Bull that you would try to give me the Dakota words as well as the English words.

One thing I want to know about especially is Sitting Bull's early years, when he was making his way to become chief of his band, and then head chief. So many of the books say he was not chief, that I want to learn all about how he won his honor.

Another thing that I want to know is about the councils with the Santees in 1862-3 which led Sitting Bull's people to join them in fighting the white men. Also about the councils with the Cheyennes in 1863-4-5, and after the Sand Creek massacre, when the Cheyennes got the Sioux to go to war with them against the white men. I would like to know when and where these councils took place, and what Sitting Bull said at them.

Maybe there are some men up there who are older than One Bull who can tell about these early days. Such old men as Gray ~~magis~~ Whirlwind, for instance.

Another thing I want to know is about the fights with the white man before the treaty with Father De Smet in 1868. At that council Sitting Bull said that he had been fighting the white men for five years, helping his friends the Santees and the Cheyennes, and that his hands were heavy with their blood. In the book of pictures of his coups in Washington there are pictures of seventeen(17) fights with white men, all before 1870. I would like to know where these fights took place and when. Was Sitting Bull in the fight with the Sioux and the Cheyennes when they killed the 80 soldiers at Fort Phil Kearney? Was he with the Sioux at the Wagon Box fight, when so many Indians were killed? Was he at the fight with the Fiske party in 1865?