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Dear Stanley:

It was good to hear from you again and I have intended ever since receiving your letter to answer it. But we've been so swamped with pre-registration work on the Evanston campus and pre-registration inquiries here on the Chicago campus that correspondence has gone by the boards.

Enclosed is the "Custer Battle issue" of the Brand Book which you requested and you're at liberty to use any of the material in it you wish with this one exception -- the Benteen letters on pages 6 and 7 are "restricted material" at the request of their owner, Dr. Cutter. Dr. Cutter has since died so what the exact status of these letters are I don't know. However, here may be an out for you -- in case you should want to quote from them: we're going to issue Vol. 1 of the Brand Book in book form and present plans are to bring it out early in 1946. When it does appear then, of course, these letters will be in the "open domain" and you could make use of them.

Are you doing a book on Custer -- or the Custer battle? I have considerable material on both -- newspaper and magazine clippings -- and some stuff which might be considered "source material" (contemporary newspaper accounts) that might be useful to you. Let me know if there's some particular phase of the Custer story in which you're interested and perhaps I can supply you with something.

Did I, or didn't I, invite you to become a corresponding member of WESTERNERS? If I didn't, I'm doing so now. We'd be delighted to have you in our gang.

Cordially -- though hastily, yours,

Elmo