

August 17, 1929.

Mrs. Gertrude Bonnin,
National Council of American Indians,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Bonnin:

I have your letter of August 14, and note with disappointment that you cannot make Dakota this summer. Had you done so, I am sure my book would have been materially better. However, I shall go ahead, and hope to present a true picture of your ancestor, and one which will vindicate him of all the false accusations which have been charged against him by partisan writers. Not even Lincoln has been so lied about as Sitting Bull, and no American was so splendidly consistent in fact. He never gave up. It is impossible to think of the man without an uplifted heart....But I had better not be writing my book in this letter!!

It may be that I shall get away for a while this fall and visit Dakota myself. In that case a letter from you to some of the reliable Indians of the group who knew Sitting Bull best might aid me. Will you send me such a letter? If so, please send it now by air mail, as I shall have to make plans well in advance.

Thanks for your good wishes in my work. I certainly wish you the best success in yours.

Faithfully yours,

W.S.CAMPBELL