

I assure you that I am no sensational journalist seeking copy. I want the truth. Standing Bear, Long Lance, and other celebrated Indians have given me aid in this undertaking, but none of them are so closely related to Sitting Bull as yourself. Anything you can tell me will be most heartily appreciated.

I shall also be grateful if you can give me the names of men in Dakota who may be able to tell me the truth about the old days. I have found that, if I begin at the agency, I get nowhere in an investigation of this kind. The best Indians are generally the last ones the agent recommends to the historian!

If you will help me, I believe you will be serving the cause of your people. Government reports are not read by many, after all. But a biography of Sitting Bull is sure to find many readers, and to convince many of them of the injustice done and now being done to the Indian. Already publishers are writing to me for the first look at the manuscript. Please help me.

Perhaps I had better add that, although since childhood I have been known by the name of my step-father Campbell, I prefer to publish under the name of my own father, Stanley Vestal.

Faithfully yours,

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