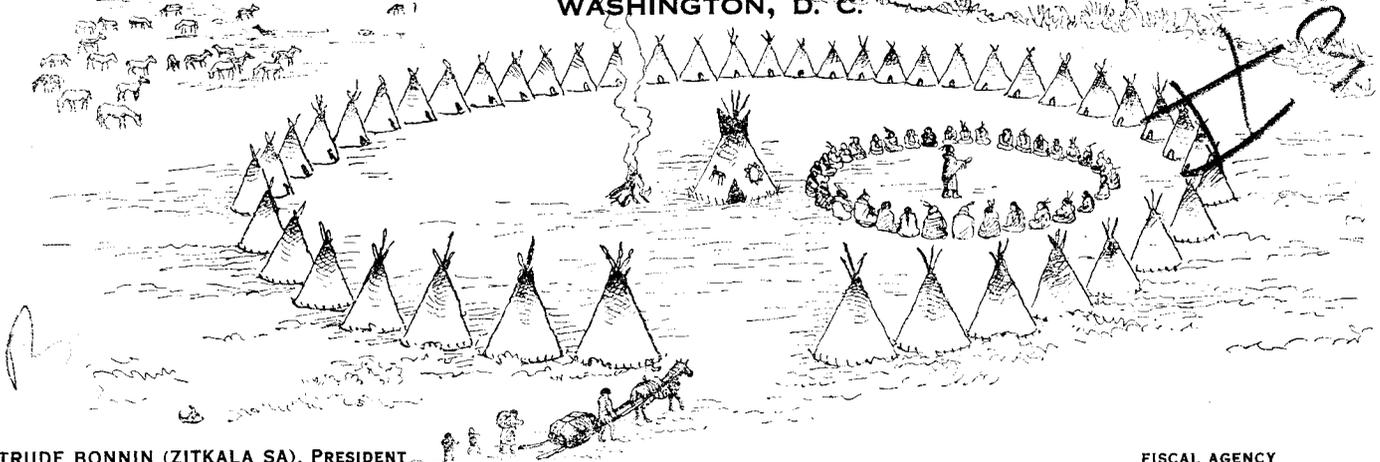


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Prof. W. S. Campbell,
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Norman, Oklahoma.

My dear Mr. Campbell:

During our conference this morning, I mentioned to Major Ahern that I wished he would give his consent for you to use his letter to Gen. Summerall, but he merely smiled, without saying "yes" or "no". Therefore I am asking you to return my copy to me, after you have read it. Perhaps you might ask him for it, saying I had told of it, should you consider it valuable for your picture of Sitting Bull.

Major Ahern repeated that he found little in the files, and that even that was not reliable; that one had to be very careful.

Capt. Bonnin took four years of law here at the George Washington University; that training makes his help in this Sitting Bull work quite necessary, it seems to me. Behind the picture must be firmly built, the supporting frame-work of "legal rafters". While I have mentioned Red Tomahawk as an assassin, there were others, higher up, in official capacity who share in the guilt. McLaughlin in charge of Standing Rock, springing up from a mere blacksmith to this powerful position, maligned Sitting Bull in his reports to the Secretary of the Interior; he seemed to have had Congressional immunity and not subject to being sued for libel. Sitting Bull did not know of this atrocity; nor did any other Indian. If they had they were helpless, as Indians had no entity in the eyes of Whiteman's law.

Even today, I am called disloyal to the government, by a member of Congress, when I criticised the maladministration of Indian Affairs by "unfaithful servants of the government." Imagine the extreme difficulties under which Sitting Bull struggled, and was murdered.

Sincerely
Gertrude Bonnin