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The Ghost Dance I know a good deal about, and I know enough to know that McLaughlin was mistaken- or lying- when he accused Sitting Bull of insincerity. I am satisfied that Sitting Bull, being a religious man, would turn to his gods when earthly aid failed him. But the machinations of the Agent and the other authorities are what I need to clinch the matter. The Ghost Dance was not a War Dance. I have all manner of testimony from unimpeachable sources to the fact, and if the Indians had been left alone, no trouble would have come. All that Sitting Bull asked was an opportunity to go and get the truth of the new religion at Pine Ridge, from men who had seen the Messiah. He made a fair proposition to the Agent, that both of them go and see. But McLaughlin--as Sitting Bull said to him (and he quotes it in his book) was personally hostile to Sitting Bull. I want evidences of this fact.

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Sitting Bull's arrest. I have copies of the order for his arrest, both in Sioux and English, and have seen the originals. There is no doubt in my mind that Buffalo Bill- if he had been permitted- could have brought Sitting Bull to the Agency. But the Agent burned the wires to keep BB from going, and sent his police.

Now, I have heard rumors that there was bad blood- personally- between Sitting Bull and some of the police. In fact, his own brother-in-law, (still alive) named Grey Eagle, is said to have accompanied the police who arrested Sitting Bull. I would like to know what is behind this story.

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When Sitting Bull was in Canada, he finally surrendered (1881). Four parties claim the credit for this: the Royal Northwest Mounted Police; the U.S. Army; Scout Allison, of U.S.A; and certain Canadian traders (Le Gare). I wish to gain some information about the events which led Sitting Bull to return and surrender. Of course, starvation owing to the lack of game was the cause, but there were various events leading to the surrender.

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Another thing is his family, and their names and ages. Sitting Bull, out of his great heart, adopted a number of orphans and captives, and besides had two wives and several children. If my book is to be regarded as authoritative, I must have a table showing these relationships, the names of his parents, etc. I am told that the existing lists are not accurate. When a young man he once captured a ~~man~~ Crow woman (his own statement); what became of her?

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His burial. I wish to know who mutilated his body after he was killed, beating it over the head with an old neck-yoke. Some say it was a policeman, but others that it was a soldier, and that one of the police made him stop it. Why was he refused burial in the same field as the policeman? Why was he buried in quick-lime? Who was present ~~at~~ at the funeral?

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