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Dear Sir:

For the past year I have been working on a life of Sitting Bull, the celebrated Sioux Indian leader. As it happens the paper records concerning his life present a very false picture of the man. This is due to the fact that in the past old Indians were afraid to talk, or if they talked, said only what their agents told them to say. Now that the Senate has been investigating Indian affairs the old men speak more freely. I have the truth, never heretofore published concerning Sitting Bull's prophecies of, and his share in, the Custer disaster. This information has been obtained from men who were in the tipi with him when Reno struck the camp and has been thoroughly verified. I can give you his prophecy verbatim, foretelling the disaster, the prayers he made before the battle, how he was armed, what commands he gave, and how he saved the remnant of the white soldiers from his people; also the warnings he gave them and the punishments which he foretold would be the penalty of their disobedience of his commands. In as much as these prophecies concern present conditions and fall due in 1930, and in as much as Sitting Bull's character and conduct is a matter of controversy, I am wondering if you would be interested in an article or two covering this subject.

Or would you care to serialize the biography when it is ready? Present plans are for Houghton Mifflin to publish the book in the late fall of 1930. Please let me hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

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