

September 30, 1929.

Colonel Charles A. Varnum,  
2702 Union Street,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Colonel George Kahlen of Tacoma, Washington, has given me your name as one who might be able to tell me something of the Sioux leader, Sitting Bull. Did you ever see Sitting Bull? If so, I would like to know the details of the meeting, including what he did, said, and how he was dressed. I am writing a life of Sitting Bull and know that I can depend on the truth of information given me by former United States Army officers.

Perhaps I ought to say that I am an old Rhodes Scholar and the author of several books on the Old West. Though known since boyhood by the name of my stepfather, Campbell, I prefer to write under the name of my own father, Stanley Vestal. Please help me.

Faithfully yours,

W. S. CAMPBELL.