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Dear Dr. Campbell:

Thank you very much for both of your recent letters. I am grateful for the copy you enclosed of May 1956 issue of the Chicago Westerners Brand Book, featuring your valuable article, "Fuss And Feathers: Indian Warfare On The Plains." I will try to get in touch with that chap you mentioned who has some data on the movements of some of the Sioux during the mid-1870's.

The other day I was delighted to receive from Judge Zahn typed copies of statements he has secured from two very old Hunkpapa Sioux, Stands-With-Horns-In-Sight (92) and Spotted Bear (88). Enclosed please find copies of these statements, made for you. I was astonished and, I must say, thrilled to find that Stands-With-Horns-In-Sight was, as a ten-year old boy, present in the Sioux camp in the valley of the Rosebud when the Bozeman Party came up the valley and the fight of April 4, 1874, took place. His comments are of great interest. I'd like to see a 92-year old white man with a memory like this. No doubt Stands-With-Horns-In-Sight hasn't had the advantage of having his memory cluttered up with all of the trivialities the white man deems essential to "modern living."

Point

Stands-With-Horns-In-Sight states that at the time in question the Two Kettle band was led by Chief Red-End-Of-Horn (He-inkpa-luta) and the Minneconjou band by Chief High-Back-Bone or Hump. As you will note, Spotted Bear cites the same bands and the same chiefs but has them reversed, i.e., Red-End-Of-Horn leading the Minneconjou and High-Back-Bone the Two Kettle.

There appear to have been a couple of Sioux, both well-known leaders, called High-Back-Bone or Hump. I find mention of one Chief Hump in Doane Robinson, "Comprehensive History Of The Dakota Or Sioux Indians," SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS, Vol II (Aberdeen, S.D., 1904), 454. Robinson mentions "Hump's band of the Minneconjous...among the most hostile in the Red Cloud and Custer wars," in 1885 still clinging hard to all of their oldtime customs. According to Robinson, Hump, considered dangerously hostile in 1890, was persuaded by Captain E. P. Ewers, Fifth Infantry, to enlist as a scout for the Army and rendered valuable service in that position. Yet Spotted Bear, if he is talking about the same Minneconjou, has him badly wounded in the affray at Wounded Knee.

George E. Hyde, in RED CLOUD'S FOLK, writes of a Minneconjou called High-Back-Bone in general charge at the fight with Captain Fetterman's command, near Fort Phil Kearny, in 1866. "The Oglalas today still talk of High-Back-Bone as one of the finest leaders the Sioux ever had. He is the man Mr. Vestal calls High Hump and High Back...This name was also borne by the Miniconjou chief who is generally known as Hump. He is said to have been either a son or nephew of High-Back-Bone." According to Hyde, the High-Back-Bone who led at the Fetterman fight was killed by the Shoshones in 1870.