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Mr. Frederick Weygold,  
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Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Weygold:

x/ I have been reading Wissler's paper on the societies of the Cglala and find on page 8 the statement that Red Cloud was not one of the four Wakicun or Shirt Wearers. On page 39 he states that the shirts of these four men were decorated in pairs to match, that two shirts were painted blue on the upper half and yellow on the lower. The other two shirts were red and yellow. Can you tell me what the color of Red Cloud's shirt was? I remember you painted his portrait in a scalp shirt of that type. This item of information is important to me just now.

Cordially yours,

W.S. Campbell  
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x/ No! The shirt which he wore (see my photo) was a plain fringed brownish shirt without scalploots. I have seen in a Philadelphia private collection a very old scalpshirt like the one Wissler describes which probably came from the Pine Ridge Res. It was made from complete skins of the bighorn, quilted, & manually carefully made. The top was green (to) which does not contradict Wissler's description since green and blue are both called "to" in Sioux, and the bottom orange yellow. I doubt whether in recent times any of those four shirts (or any other really old ones, for that matter) were left on that reservation since the traders had standing commissions to buy everything in sight for collectors. Note on Red Cloud's shirt.