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Dear Mr. Campbell,

I have your letter of the 7th. instant, and was very interested to learn that you are preparing a life of Sitting Bull, and wish that I could be of real assistance to you in its preparation.

On receipt of your letter I spoke to an old halfbreed who lives close to this Agency; a very intelligent old man, formerly interpreter at the Agency. He told me that he had never met Sitting Bull, but referred me to another halfbreed, Frank Ladaceur, who he said had lived with Sitting Bull and his people in southern Saskatchewan. I saw Ladaceur and had a chat with him, but found his memory to be very hazy. However, I gathered a few, more or less interesting, facts from him. Ladaceur is now 67 years of age so would be about 14 years old when Sitting Bull fled to Canada in 1877. He told me that he lived with his family close to the Sioux leader during the whole of the four years of his stay in Canada. That Sitting Bull, during that time, changed his camp frequently; alternating between places which Ladaceur named as Wood Mountain, Four Walls and Cypress Hills. That during his stay in Canada Sitting Bull paid many visits to the States, chiefly after buffalo; and that on these occasions he always had a number of scouts out ahead of him, to warn him of the presence of United States troops. One point in my conversation with Ladaceur struck me as being interesting; this is that he spoke of knowing Sitting Bull right up to the time he was captured by United States troops; and I gathered that it was the general opinion among these people that Sitting Bull was captured and did not surrender.

I am sorry that I am unable to help you more in this matter, but trust the foregoing may be of some little use to you.

Yours very truly

Harry James

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