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Dear Mr. Balmer:

I was pleased to get your letter of March 28 in which you ask about my books. I am enclosing a list of these for your information. Some of them may be out of stock at the moment because of the wartime paper shortage, but most will be available in time. The "Jim Bridger" will be off the press in October, they say. I do not know the price, but it will be published by Morrow & Co., 425 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N.Y., probably for about \$3.50.

Now for your questions: (1) The Indian languages of which I have knowledge had no term which could be translated "peace pipe." The pipe, as you know, was the altar of the burnt offering and was used to solemnize all serious agreements. If a man wished to go to war, he announced his intention and offered a lighted pipe to those men whom he wished to go with him. Smoking the pipe constituted a pledge, and the leader of the war party carried the pipe on the expedition. In the same manner, smoking a pipe together at a peace treaty was a pledge of peace.

(2) A good deal of information has been gathered about smoking of pipes by native peoples, and I think if you would write to the Bureau of American Ethnology, Washington, D.C., they could give you a book list to include this subject. Evidently the pipe is very ancient, as it is the central object of all North American Indian religious rites.

(3) Perhaps this question was answered above. The badge of a chief was a pipe and long tobacco bag, whether in war or peace.

There was, however, a pipe smoked by warriors on the warpath or by men who had been on the warpath, a straight pipe made of the leg-bone of a deer and lashed with sinew which, drying, gripped the bone tightly and prevented it from cracking with the heat. Such pipes, measuring about eight inches in length, like a gigantic cigaret holder, were handier to carry in a pack than the long calumet. They were quite rare. Fortunately, I have one.

Sincerely yours,

W. S. Campbell