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Sand Creek

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Dear Mr. Campbell:

For many years I have read your books with considerable interest, not merely the "popular" ones, but your articles written for historians. Now I am writing to you, hoping that you may be able to help me.

I am intensely interested in the Battle of Sand Creek, and hope some day to write a book on it myself. At present I am writing a history of the lands west of the Missouri for the Thos. Y. Crowell Company, and so am having to defer Sand Creek for a time, but in my researches for this present book I have uncovered a good deal of material on the subject of the "Sand Creek affair". I combed the Rocky Mountain News in Denver this summer for a week or more, reading everything printed in that lively and prejudiced paper in 1864-65 on Sand Creek, and continued my researches at the Library of Congress, where I read every word of the Report of the Military Investigating Commission--a rare document, not the "Report of the Joint Special Committee". It is a most illuminating affair, and led me back again to the files of the Rocky Mountain News, investigating one and perhaps two murders, not to mention other matters, directly connected with Sand Creek and its investigation, one of the murders very probably having been inspired by Chivington himself. I have not as yet read the "Report of the Joint Special Committee", chiefly because I've not had the time. Sand Creek is not, unfortunately, the subject of my present book and I had to turn away from the massacre to do other reading.

Now again and again in accounts of the Sand Creek affair I have come across the statement, which