Grand River, S. D., Dec.14,1890. 12:30 A.M.

Major James McLaughlin,

Standing Rock gency, N. D.

Dear Sir:

Bull Head wishes to report what occured at Sitting Bull's camp at a council held yesterday. It seems that Sitting Bull has received a letter from the line Ridge outfit, asking him to come over there as God was to appear to them. Sitting Bull's people want him to go, but he has sent a letter to you asking your permission, and if you do not do it, he is going to go anyway; he has been fitting up his horses to stand a long ride and will to horsesback in case he is pursued.

Bullhead would like to arrest him at once before he has the chance of giving them the slip, as he thinks that if he gets the thank, it will be impossible to eatch him. He says to send word to him by courier immediately, also to let him know what your plans are, if soldiers are to come - he says to send them by Sitting Bull's road.

He also mentions something about Shave Head coming down here, but as I am a good enough interpreter to understand, he has said that you can use your own judgement in regard to that one thing. I understand thoroughly and that is that the poor man is eat out of house and home, - he says that with councils and couriers coming to his place that even the hay he has is nearly all gone, I sympathize with him, as I am nearly in the same boat.

If you send a dispatch to Bullhead through me, please send me some envelopes, as I am entirely out can't even find one to enclose this letter.

Yours very respectfully.

John M. Carignan.