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Dear Mr. Rosebush:

I have your second letter in regard to my figures on the comparative casualties in the Wagon Box fight.

You are hard to satisfy. First you object to my skepticism, and now you accuse me of credulity.

I am afraid I have to tell you that I must indict you of forming conclusions without investigating all the evidence.

If you are really interested in this subject, I suggest you consult the following books:

- (1) George Bird Grinnell's The Fighting Cheyenne, just recently republished by the University of Oklahoma Press here.
- (2) My War Path and Council Fire, published by Random House, now out of print.
- (3) My New Sources of Indian History, formerly published by the University of Oklahoma Press.
- (4) War Path, a true story of Sioux wars, told in a biography by Chief White Bull, published by Houghton-Mifflin.
- (5) You might like to capitalize on this by reading the new edition of my biography entitled Sitting Bull, Champion of the Sioux, to be released by the University of Oklahoma Press in February.

If your local library does not possess all of these volumes, I have no doubt you can arrange to see them through an inter-library loan, by which the books would be borrowed from some library which has them. This would cost you only the postage both ways.

When you have considered the evidence presented in these books, I shall be ready to continue our correspondence.

I will only add that the figures I offer were compiled in the late 1920's, and published as early as 1934. The men who gave me this information were not in their dotage, but were leading chiefs and warriors, some of them as alert and intelligent as any man I have ever known. I have been associated with the Plains Indians for more than fifty