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Mr. James Willard Schultz
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Dear Mr. Schultz:

Naturally, your letter of March 6 pleases me a great deal. Some one of your admirers, who is a school principal at some place in South Dakota, gave me the address used in my first letter to you, although I admit I was puzzled in fitting as distinguished an author as yourself into even the honored position as principal of a high school. Any way, the credit will have to go to your post office people and your own renown as a writer instead of to my correspondent in South Dakota or to myself.

I appreciate a great deal your identification of the photograph of William Jackson, although Doctor George Bird Grinnell meanwhile had likewise identified it for General Brown, who had written Grinnell from Denver without my knowing about it until after my inquiry had been written to you.

Thanks to a letter I sent to Doctor Marquis of Hardin, Montana, several weeks ago, I secured the name and address of Bob Jackson's step-son, a minister living at Pryor, Montana. He was able to identify his stepfather's picture, although nothing had been seen or heard of him since Bob had left soon after his marriage to join a wild west show some time back in the '80s. The print I sent to you, thinking it was Robert Jackson, is still unidentified, however, so my guess on it was wrong and he is still among our mavericks.

One of my friends, I think Mr. Albert W. Johnson of Marine-On-St. Croix, Minnesota, who is working on the Custer campaign, gave me Mr. Asbury's address recently and also wrote Mr. Asbury of our need of help. I had a card from Asbury a few days ago, but unless he can help me on some of the others, I will not have to bother him on the Jackson print. May I give Johnson your address, as he wishes to write you also?

Ben Clark, I found after writing you, came to old Fort Reno here in Oklahoma and committed suicide there while caretaker of the old fort in 1914. I was fortunate enough to find two or three old-timers in Oklahoma City who knew him well, so that his identification is positive also. One thing interested me about Clark was to find that he had been at old Fort Bridger about the time of the Mormon war in 1857-58.

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Your letter from Doctor Grinnell pleases me a great deal, because it confirms similar advice from my friend, Captain Luther H. North, who celebrated his 88th birthday at Columbus, Nebraska last Monday. Doctor Grinnell visited me twice while I was living in Casper, Wyoming, several years ago, but of recent years I have not been in touch with him excepting through others, who reported that for a few years at least his health did not permit him to make his usual trips into the Rockies and Plains country in the summertime.

The Camp material is still being classified by General Brown, and until that task is completed I will not know whether Camp had made sufficient progress on his history of the Indian wars of the Plains, especially of the Terry Campaign and Seventh Cavalry, so that it can be published without further research and considerable work or not. My present thought is, however, that the result of his first-hand investigation, especially since so many of the people he had interviewed and corresponded with are now dead, should be prepared and published.

Doctor Grinnell in 1925 was kind enough to suggest that I undertake the job, provided the material could be secured from Camp's widow, but outside of a few pamphlets, like the story of Independence Rock, Fort Bridger, the Red Buttes Indian Fight, and similar topics, I have had no experience in writing, and as long as I am trying to earn a living in the oil business I would not have the time to devote to even completing a book for publication. Doctor Grinnell, of course, would have been the ideal man for such a job, but even in 1925 did not feel like doing it, even if the material could have been secured at that time.

I will be glad to keep you advised about the Camp material when Brown feels that he has shaped it up so that we know fairly well the ground it covers.

I note that Stanley Vestal has a new book out entitled War Path, and while I have never met or written him, General Brown has suggested that Vestal might be considered in connection with the Camp material. Any suggestions you feel free to give me will be helpful and gratefully received.

Thanking you again for your help and kindness, I am

Sincerely yours

RSE:RD

A few years ago, while living in Wyoming, I started out to add to my library on the Rockies and Plains a complete set of your different books. The result was I secured a number of them but after finding that I was getting reprints on some of them I discontinued my efforts. I am mighty