

214 First Street, S.E.

Washington, D.C.

June 24, 1916.

Mr. Harry L. George,

St. Joseph, Mo.

Dear Mr. George:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 20, 1916, and am now returning your Winnebago "Life Stick" by parcel post, insured for Fifteen dollars. I hope it will reach you safely. I regret to say that there has been no opportunity to have the marks on the stick explained. Early in the Spring two Winnebago men came here but soon after their arrival one of them died suddenly and the other had to hasten home. Since that time none have come to this city.

Your Osage stick, I fear, will have to remain unexplained. I tried to figure it out from one made for me by Saucy-calf but I could not make a number of the groups to agree. Saucy-calf and "See-haw" belonged to the same clan but their sticks do not agree in a number of places and I am inclined to believe that the "See-haw" stick belonged to the clan next in order. I know of no man of this clan who is likely to know the order of the songs that the stick represents.

On my visit among the Osage in April I secured a stick of the Eagle clan and, fortunately, the man who gave it to me knew the songs of which it is a record. I have another stick which he offers to read for me when I go out there again, as it is another one that belongs to his clan.

Very truly yours,

Francis Latlesohz