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Mr. Harry L. George,
St. Joseph, Mo.,

Dear sir:-

I have yours of recent date with return of the shield and whip. I think you made a mistake in not keeping the shield, they are scarce articles. I sold a shield to the Peabody Museum last month for \$100.00 cash, which the attached letter will confirm, please return the letter to me for my file.

Yes I knew that whips were used in ceremonies for whipping the dancers when they did not keep up their part of the ceremony satisfactorily, I have one of the whips used for that purpose, they are different from ordinary whips, made of wood with scalloped edge, I have one with an animal head carved on one end and a coyotes tail attached for a wrist loop, which I will sell for \$4.50.

I wish to ask you if you wish to purchase an old Osage war bundle, or scalp bundle. I have one, the inner pack is made of rushes and wood fiber the next covering on it is of buckskin and the outside covering is of woven buffalo tail hair. The inside bundle or covering contains a large bird, called a kite, attached to which are scalp locks of whites taken by the Osage it also contains a fetus of an elk and a pipe bowl inlaid with lead, the outside covering of buffalo hair has a large Pawnee indian scalp attached, taken by Osage and an Eagles foot. This bundle is a very rare piece and can not be duplicated. A person has to stand in well with the entire tribe to get such an article, and it takes years to get it after it has been located. The keeper of this bundle was required to feed the entire tribe once a year which meant a large expense. This article is the acme of indian relics and is seldom seen any place outside of a museum. I will let you have this bundle for \$250.00. I have also offered it to the Peabody Museum and they want it bad, the Curator said that if I did not sell it soon he would take it off my hands at my price, but owing to shortage of funds just at present could not take it until a little later.

My only object in selling this war bundle is to enable me to purchase some shield material that I want for study purpose, otherwise money would not buy it from me.

If you want this bundle let me know soon, as it is my desire to dispose of it soon in order to get the shield material that I have in view, also return the two attached letters to me for my file. I have written the Museum that if they wish to take it, they may pay me \$150.00 down and the balance of \$100.00 later, I could make you the same proposition if you wanted, but must know soon about it, as I am expecting reply from the Museum any day, the last I heard from them being July 31st, as you will note.

This bundle will be published & written up by the Smithsonian people. by Francis La Plante an Omaha Indian in the near future.

Very truly yours,

W. J. Shamburg

Pl. see the letter