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Home June 2, 1911 Before breakfast.

My dear Francis

Before the work of the day begins & the men will be here I bid you "Good morning"! and tell you of my interest in your letter containing the contents of Mr. Culin's pack. The resemblance of the pipe to that of the Omaha pipe belonging to the White buffalo hide is very striking, are there any incised lines on the Osage pipe as on the Omaha? The type of pipe is interesting and seems to be persistent in the Osage. All the pipes in the Sacred packs are of this round disc-like shape. I hope you can push your inquiry into the Kaw. What you have learned among the Osage shows how essential it is to learn about the other cognates in order to understand the customs & development of one tribe, even.

What you write of the possible explanation of why the Osage & Omaha parted is not unlikely. That dissension arose and jealousies there can be no doubt, & these probably led to breaks.

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