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Mr. Mr. James A. Thigpen  
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Dear Jim:

Reference is made to your letter of March 23, 1971.

I have written 56 pages of of my life story, titled "A Good Life. This goes up to 1909. I am continuing and have another section being transcribed that goes up to 1913. I am sending this 56 pages to you so you can make a copy of it for your records, and return the manuscript to me for my files. I have no way to have copies made. I wish you would make a Xerox copy for your self and an extra copy for me if you don't mind.

It goes pretty slow. I make a tape and send it to Bozeman. They type it off and send it to me for checking. In checking it over I make many changes, and add a lot of episodes that I have thought of in the mean time and send it back to them for re-typing. It take about three typeings to get it up this far.

I am starting another article giving a little more comprehensive report of public land surveys. It is titled "Taming the Wild Lands". I am writing a separate letter about it, as you see. I would like your comments on these two articles.

Very truly yours,

William R. Bandy