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Mr. Klick Rilander
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Dear Mr. Rilander:

I can't remember when I had a more enjoyable and enriching afternoon than the one my wife and I had the good fortune in spending with you. After all we were actually strangers at best. Thank your wife for her wonderful hospitality.

You, your friend Cull White and of course that wonderful Indian family gave us much to think about. My associations with Indians and experts like your self has been quite meager. I can now see what rewards are possible when one is determined to understand and respect the heritage of these people.

L. Taylor Hansen's book, He Walked the Americas Amherst Press, Amherst, Wisconsin is one for your collection. In it is described the Prophet who moved from South America up the Mississippi and by rivers throughout the Eastern states. From Michigan he went to Canada and from there to the Pacific Coast. Moving from there to the Pacific tribes by way of the Grand Canyon and Havasupai, he went to the Pueblos and then down the Chichihua Valley to Tula and later Cholula. He apparently sailed with the merchants to South America. Returning, he left for the Mayan Empire and finally departed from Cosmul Island by ship for an island toward the sunrise over the sea. He was called by many names as: Mahnt-Azoma, Ti-Acoma (Tacoma) Kate-Zahl, Waikano etc.

I quote. To the Chinooks, the Prophet came. Once when leaning on his long staff, He pointed to the plain below them.

" Down through the cycles of the Dawn star I see below us spread a city which shall be named Tacoma. It is a city of the White Man."

" Ehat are you saying Master? Your name is Tla-acomah meaning Lord Miracle Worker. The Great White Mountain where sleeps the Firê God bears your name, Tla-acomah- not the plain below us,"
The hot springs of Tacobya mark the passage of the Healer.

Well enough of this. Thanks again, we so enjoyed our visit with you and hope you will invite us again sometime.

Most respectfully

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