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The Hon. Dwight Eisenhower,
President of the United States of America,
The White House, Washington, D.C.

April 8, 1955

Dear Mr. President:

Puck Hyah Toot, the leader of the remnant band of non-treaty Indians asks that I write to you, inviting you to his tribe's sacred first foods root feast, April 17.

He understands how busy you are. He realizes that this is an historic event since it is at the last Wanapum village at Priest Rapids where exploratory work looking toward construction of a dam is under way.

Should a dam be built there, it will be the last time in the long history of these few people that such a feast will be held on that very spot.

He wishes you to know that the project planners have protected his family graveyard etc. and takes this way to express his appreciation.

[These people were called the Solulk, 150 years ago by Lewis and Clark. There were 2,000 to 3,000 of them then. Since then many have gone onto the reservation or married with reservation people. Now only eight are left to continue their old way of life in a mat house on this dam site. Their record will show they have expedited, in all ways possible, any development along the river, putting forth no obstacles as is so often the case]

Puck Hyah Toot humbly extends his sincere best wishes for your welfare and your wise guidance of the nation that has fostered him.

For: Puck Hyah Toot
head man of the Wanapums

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