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DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
SEATTLE 5

April 21, 1953

Mr. Click Relander
Route 3, Box 146
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

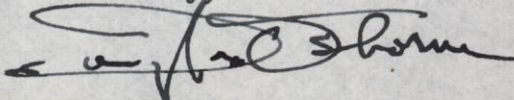
Dr. Gunther has handed me your last letter to her, and suggested that I write the answer this time. I took a trip over to see the so-called cairn graves near Zillah. Miss Kit Kendall took us over there. We checked into one or two of the so-called graves, and frankly, I am quite sure that the ones we checked were not graves. I think that they were rather cairns or small piles of rocks probably set up during puberty ceremonies. The man who owns the farms was very cooperative, and he promised me that he will let me know if his bulldozer runs into anything in the future.

I can say for Dr. Gunther that we would like very much to have copies of the old pictures if you do happen to make them. Any data that accompanies the pictures should of course come with them to us.

Very best regards; I hope that I will have the pleasure of meeting you some day. Dr. Gunther speaks of you and of your work over there quite often.

*Noted the cover
picture on
The Masterkey*

Sincerely,



Douglas Osborne,
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May 12, 1953

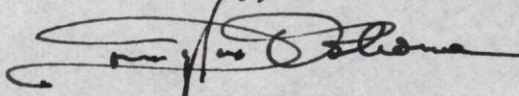
Mr. Click Relander
Rt. 3, Box 146
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

The photos that you so kindly sent were most interesting. Dr. Elmendorf, who has done extensive work among Puget Sound Indians, states that they were probably both Indians (Mrs. Rogers and the group) in Secret Society regalia.

Our digs, this summer, will be in the Vantage caves and at Wakemap mound, near Spearfish, across from The Dalles, Oregon. You are certainly invited to drop in on either crew this summer. I will be happy to remember your invitation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Douglas Osborne", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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July 14, 1953

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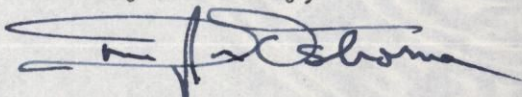
Dear Mr. Relander:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 6. I am sending it in toto to Mr. Warren Caldwell who is running the excavation at Wakemap Mound. I imagine that you met Mr. Caldwell and talked the thing over with him, but inasmuch as you did not specifically state that to be the case, I want him to have the information that was in your letter.

I am sorry indeed that we missed each other; we seem to have a way of doing that. I will certainly accept your kind invitation to look you up if and when I am in Yakima.

Thank you again for the note.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Douglas Osborne", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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October 16, 1953

Mr. Click Relander
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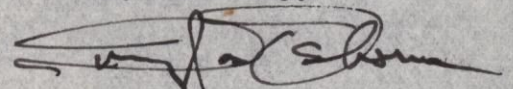
Dear Mr. Relander:

Thank you so much for sending me the clipping of the trip in Stockdale's boat. Bill Meenach called me from Ephrata the night before it materialized and wondered if I could go. Of course that was just a few days before school started and unfortunately I could not get away. I wish that some one of us from the University had been able to go on the trip, but I assume that you and Bill got all of the information. I wonder if it would be possible sometime for us to have access to your notebook on the trip. Meenach promised that we could use his, but I rather imagine that you have more full notes from an ethnological point of view.

As to the question of a person who would look like Concomly whom you might use as a model in your sculpture, I am writing to a Chinook Indian who, I know, can help us with it. I do not know of any photographs of Chinooks that would serve your purpose. As a matter of fact, the only photograph that I think of off hand is the one in Ray's "Chinook Ethnographic Notes" and it is that of a woman. There must be such photographs around and I would suggest that you look first in Curtis, and I will see if I can find any here. I am sure that the person whom I have in mind and whose name I do not recall will be a very good subject for you. He is a large vigorous man of thoroughly Indian appearance and his face is rather striking. We have never done archaeological work within the Chinook area and consequently have never been able to measure Chinook skulls. You of course are aware that the Chinook flattened their heads and that Concomly's head was very thoroughly flattened. The Chinook Indian whom I am going to write for you knows of a man with a flattened head who is now on the Quilleute Reservation. I rather believe that he would be the last male with a flattened head within this state. I have not seen the man myself and it might be that he would be just the model that you are looking for.

Right now I am in the midst of quite a flurry of preparation for an archaeological trip to Micronesia and do not have time to do research for you and attempt to find a series of Chinook photographs. I shall, however, keep the question in mind and if I have a student whom I can put on it I shall do so. As soon as I have information from the Chinook I will pass it on to you. Do you know of a Curtis in Yakima? If so, I would check that publication thoroughly. Your project sounds like a very interesting one to me and I am anxious to see the things that you have done so far. I repeat that I shall certainly look you up during some of my trips through Yakima. Usually I am in a terrific hurry going through in one direction or another and never have the time to spend in any place that I would like to.

Very sincerely,



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December 3, 1953

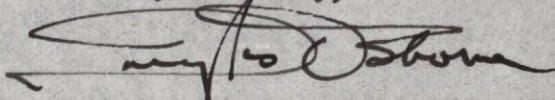
Mr. Click Relander
Route 3, Box 146
Yakima, Wash.

Dear Mr. Relander:

I do not know whether or not you have heard from the people at Ilwaco whom I wrote you about some time ago. In case you have not I enclose two letters which I got from them recently. I think that these letters will give you sufficient starting point for the work that you were interested in doing over there. I am quite sure that these are the people for you to contact if you do not find the proper sorts of photographs that you want in Curtis or some other place. I hope that this will start you off on the right foot and that you can get the sort of thing that you want from them.

I will be leaving the States soon for a six months period in Oceania where I plan on doing some archaeological research. Consequently it would be wise for you to write to Dr. Gunther or someone else here if you have other problems that we can help you with.

Very sincerely,

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[Enclosure. 1953. Dec. 3]

The letters from Osborne and Relander are very interesting. I hope he make a good bust and I hope he does not resort to the Elliotts for his discriptions.

Harry Shale is a flathead at Tahola whose head could be used but Shale is too small a man to pattern after. Grandma said that Cumcumly as a big man at least as big a George Charley, Reland's father. Our great grandmother was a big woman. Cotton said that she was as tall as father and when he was old, he was a least 5'9' He must have been near 6 ft. when he associated with Grandmother. I think that Roland Charley would be all right if he resembles his father. I don't think that I have ever seen Roland to know him.

Roland
Charley
(who visited
you at the
museum -

(address)
To Reland
Wash.

There is a picture of Charles Cultee in Boas, CHINOOK TEXTS which should help Relander. Boas had the front and side views of Cultee taken. I imagine Curtis has some fine pictures. His pictures of Indians were taken with so much understanding and sympathy.

The ruling Chinooks were big people. I have often said that I thought Harlan's profile was a throwback to some proud old chief. I suppose Harlan would not allow me to even think that these days.

Taholab, Mrs.

Nov. 23, 1953

Dear Dr. Ed Mrs. Osborne,

It is with sincere apology that I write this letter to you, for not answering your most interesting letter sooner.

Since hearing from you my husband, children and I have moved up on the Reservation where Neal is working for the Kiptoke Cannery in Alaska, buying fish from the Indians.

As soon as I possibly can, will obtain pictures of Roland Charley and Harry Shale and send them to you. This sounds like an interesting project -

Your trip to the Islands sounds wonderful.

Sincerely

(Mrs. Neal A.) Catherine Troch

I sent your letter to my aunt, Mildred Colbert and am enclosing her reply to me. I thought that you might be interested in her ideas.

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November 1, 1954

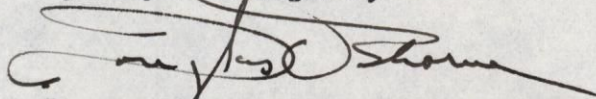
Mr. Click Relander
1212 N. 32nd Ave.
Yakima, Wash.

Dear Mr. Relander:

Dr. Gunther passed along your latest letter and to say that I am interested in the information is putting it mildly. I have attempted to keep an eye on the developments anent Priest Rapids and I gather that I must have missed the last one. Sometimes I do not get to go through our newspapers too thoroughly and I am afraid that I missed the items which brought out the facts that the one you sent did. I am grateful indeed that you have done so and I am writing to Mr. Smothers immediately. I shall inform him that a reasonably adequate survey of the archaeology of that particular dam area has been done by the Smithsonian Institution now these several years. I shall also request that he inform me as to the most expeditious methods of cooperating with his agency in future archaeological investigations in the reservoir.

I hope that you will continue to do your best to put a stop to the grave pillaging that is going on in that area. I have done my best but it is a little far from the scene of activity and I am afraid that I have not had to much affect. It might be of value if you were to call to peoples attention, perhaps through the local newspapers, that the Revised Code of Washington number 27.44.010 is decidely against this sort of thing. The law has never been enforced and it is of course pretty difficult to do so but it might be a deterrent to such of the pot hunters as happen to be law abiding citizens. Thank you again for sending this information to me; please do not hesitate to write anytime you think you have information that might be useful to us.

My very best regards,



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November 15, 1954

Mr. Click Relander
1212 N. 32nd Ave.
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

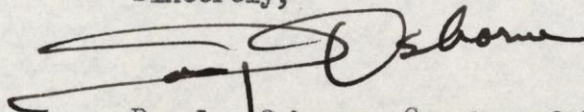
I am sending you the only good picture I have at present of the digging and the island. I have not yet had a thorough-going photographic file made up of the pictures that Caldwell took there. I shall have him do that as soon as he finished his written examinations which he is taking now. You will note on the back of the picture that there seems to be some indication that it may be a picture owned by a photographic outfit. You might check on it before you use it. My recollection of the thing is that it came to us in a group of pictures given us by one of the newspapers here after their story.

I shall certainly have to visit Whale Island soon. I am hoping that after the Christmas vacation, sometime during the winter quarter, I shall be able to make a fairly long circuit over into that area. When things roll around so that I am able to do that I will write you and perhaps we can get together and look at things or at least talk things over together. I am now preparing a paper and I am afraid that the work here and that will take all of my time for a little while. I had a letter from Mr. Smothers with the usual amenities in it. I rather feel like you do that it may be necessary to put a little more pressure on them. When I make this trip into the area I shall attempt to get an appointment with him or with another person in the local PUD and talk things over with them. I am sure one thing that they do not realize is that there is a good deal of difference between the Wanapum historic graves and the ancient archaeology in the area which may not even be Sahaptin.

As to further digging in the Wakemap Mound; I am sure that we can get no more money from the National Park Service. They simply do not have it this year. I am hoping that the summer after this coming summer will see us putting another crew in the area. The work that we have done is only about one-half finished and there is need for further excavation in at least one quadrant of the mound. The information which we have gotten from the digging has not been fully written out so that I can give you a sensible story on it. If you would write me and remind me of the thing say perhaps along spring time I am sure that I can give you something that would make sense.

Thank you for your past assistance; I am looking forward to hearing from you again in the not to distant future.

Sincerely,



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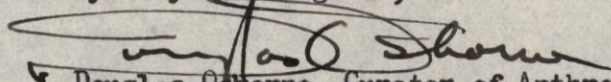
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Dear Mr. Relander:

I know that the Wakemap Mound is being pot-hunted at the present and, unfortunately, there is absolutely nothing that I can do about it now. There has been a holdup in the government's acquiring the land. At one time they thought that they were going to have to go through condemnation proceedings to get it. The owners, the Eddins Brothers of The Dalles were holding out for more money than the land was worth, a not unusual circumstance, I suppose. My last call to the Army Engineers at Portland and letters which I received shortly after the call, indicated that the government expects to have the land sometime this January. Until, then, this land is in government hands we have no right to keep people off. The Eddins Brothers have "opened" the land to excavation. We have made our voice heard at every opportunity and I suppose that I have written literally a dozen letters to various people about the thing. The local collector is probably the most voracious of any of the type that I have met in the country. As long as it is only scientific values and the various principles of conservation that stand between them and augmenting their collections I am afraid that nothing will keep them from such activity. As soon as the government acquires the land we can, of course, post it and keep them out - at least to some extent.

The Army Engineers have assured me that Wakemap Mound will be at least partially covered by water. You may realize that being partially covered is far worse than being covered. If an archaeological site is in fairly deep water it has good chances of lasting relatively undisturbed, except for the possibility of silting over. When a site is at, or near the wave cutting level it is, of course, marked for ruin. For this reason I am hoping deeply that we can operate a crew for at least one more season's work at Wakemap Mound. We shall certainly not be able to do it this year and I have nothing concrete in line for the future. Let me know if anything more comes up about the Priest Rapids. I am anxious to keep up with the latest developments there and you can be assured that I will do anything that I can to get proper work done in the area. I am right with you in your concern for Whale Island and look forward to having you show it to me.

My very best regards,


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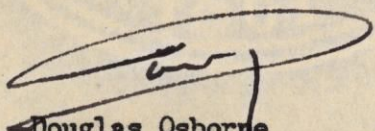
February 1, 1955

Mr. Click Relander
1212 North 32nd Ave.
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

Just a note to acknowledge the receipt of the clippings and the pictures that you took. I gave the picture of Warren to him and the others are in my files. Both of us certainly look forward to another meeting with you and I do hope that you will go on with your Wanapum work. As you probably gathered from what I said there is a good deal of difference in your method in working with the Wanapum and that which a scientifically trained anthropologist would use. I think that there is no reason why you should not do work that is as good as an anthropologist's if you keep always in mind that you must get every bit, every scrap, every detail of information. With the Wanapum the situation is even worse than with most tribes because they are so near extinction. If their culture is to be saved, not only for science but for general popular interest in any measure, it looks to me as if you're going to be one of the main springs in the saving. I may be able to stake some student to working with the Wanapum some time in the future but, in any event, it would seem to me that it would have to be done through you or with you or with your blessings. As a consequence I do think that you have a pretty heavy responsibility on your shoulders. You will probably be the one person who will have been largely responsible for what is known of the Wanapum sometime in the next generation. So do your level best. I shall certainly do anything I can to aid and abet you in your endeavors.

Thanks again for your last communique. Don't hesitate to drop me a line at any time. Very best regards,


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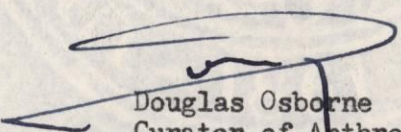
April 29, 1955

Mr. Click Relander
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Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

I have been in contact, again, with Smothers of the Public Utility District. I understand that through some very weird situation there can be no archaeology done in the area of the River below Sentinel Gap, which is claimed by the Wanapum Indians, unless the tribe itself gives its O.K. to go ahead. Now, it seems to me, that you are the official ambassador to the Wanapum. Therefore, would it be possible for you to tell me what sites the Wanapum would look upon as pertaining definitely to themselves as a people and as a consequence would not want us to excavate. This would include certainly all of the historical graveyards; I do not see why it should include the more recent dwelling areas. I don't know how reasonable the Wanapum are, but it may very well be that there would be important archaeological sites in their area that had nothing to do with the legendary history of the group. In that case would it be all right for us to excavate them providing we can get the money and the proper cooperation from the PUD. If there is, therefore, any way in which you can find out for me what sites I can excavate or what sites I cannot excavate in the area of the Wanapum I will be most grateful indeed to you. I hope that every thing is going very well. Will you give my very best regards to your wife.

Very sincerely,



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May 10, 1955

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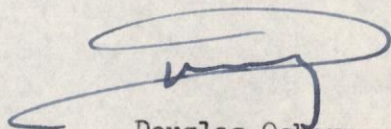
Dear Click:

Thanks so much for your letter of May the third. You are the most prompt correspondent that exists, I do believe. I am of course not interested in digging the Wanapum's modern burial grounds; I can certainly understand their feelings in that matter. It would seem to me entirely reasonable that a large share of those Wanapum rocks remain in the area. If they are taken out I would very strongly suggest that they go to Ginkgo or some very close Museum if there were one. Perhaps they could be placed, as I think you once suggested, on the highlands just above the river near the islands or the areas from where they came. If this were along a road some small roofing could be placed over them.

I plan on sending a survey evaluation to Mr. Smothers immediately and shall try to do so so that it will get there in time for your conference with him. If I am able to do that then you can talk that over, too.

I am certainly happy that you are trying to work up your Wanapum material a la an ethnography. I am sure that you have material that no one else will ever get again. If and when you do get manuscript material in shape please don't hesitate to get in touch with me and I shall do my level best to get proper assistance for you. I am sure that will not be difficult for me.

My very best regards then to both of you and look forward to the time when I can see you.



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10 Jan 05

Dear Chick:

I am planning on a trip to Vancouver (Wn), Makemeg Mound and on to Yakima next week. If all goes thru, and well, I should arrive in Yakima on the evening of the 20th or in AM of 21st. Will it be possible to see you then?

At best, of course, I should like to have you go with me to Canoe Island. I have never seen the stone work there. If it is impossible for you to

take time out then
perhaps you can put
my feet on the right
trail.

If this time is totally
impossible and you are
not going to be in Yakima
I shall cut the trip short
and go only to Wenatchee.

So, if convenient, will
you drop me a quick
card.

Truly
yours
W. J. Osborne

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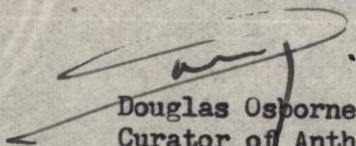
September 29, 1955

Mr. Click Relander
1212 North 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

Just a short note to acknowledge the various clippings which you have sent me recently. Thank you so much for them. I was also interested, as you knew that I would be, in the clipping announcing the activity going on in Moses Lake anent the building of a proper museum for Adam East's collection. I was quite amused. I dropped in to see Adam East last summer and my request to him to place the collection in this museum if it was not properly attended to locally apparently started the ball rolling. Thanks so much for thinking of me.

Very sincerely,



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June 25, 1956

Mr. Click Relander
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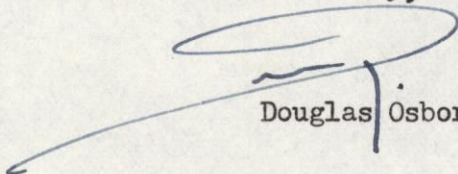
Dear Click,

Thanks so much for the clippings which you sent me. There were, as you no doubt surmised, a number of them that were extremely interesting to me. I think that things are going along a-pace over at Moses Lake. I have been over there a couple of times and we have discussed getting a trained person to catalogue Adam East's collection and to work as a Curator and assistant librarian there in keeping the Museum going. I think that things are going to develop pretty nicely indeed. I was of course extremely interested and impressed to know how far along Yakima's museum plans had gone. If there is anything that either Dr. Gunther or I can do to aid please do not hesitate to call on us. We will probably have persons with some training who could assist at the Museum if such a thing develops. I, for one, think that it is always best that a museum hire a trained hand. While local citizenry can do a wonderful job, it generally is a prime necessity, if a museum is going to be active, that it have someone who knows something about how other museums operate. I am glad to hear that you are continuing with your research. I do hope that you will amass a body of data which sometime, somehow can be turned into a Wanapum ethnography. I look forward very much to reading Drummers and Dreamers.

There are, of course, very few students indeed around here now. We have a summer school going but most of the Anthro students are out in the field. I have a whopping big field program going on which, including one from the Smithsonian with which we are cooperating, makes four field parties out. Consequently there are not many students around but some of us would like to see the Smowhala material. I imagine that photographs would not be in order? Give me a buzz when you come around and I shall see if I can possibly come down to see the material. Thanks again for the letter and for the clippings; I always look forward to hearing from you.

My very best regards.

Sincerely,



Douglas Osborne

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October 30, 1956

Mr. Click Relander
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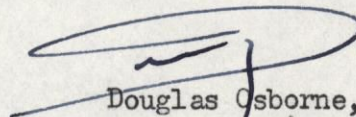
Dear Click:

This may be reopening a painful subject, but I am inquiring about the status of the Wanapum dugout canoe which is stored under a shed at Harry Ankeney's gas station at Vantage. I had thought that it still belonged to the Indians and was on loan through you from the Wanapum to Ankeney and Stockdale, but I heard recently that Stockdale claimed that it was his boat. It is also undergoing rather rapid deterioration inasmuch as it has never been put in the water since taken to Vantage. The wood shows a good deal of checking now. You may recall that I told you at the time that I thought the boat was a museum piece. Now that there is a possibility of a museum, when the PUD gets the Wanapum Dam in, it does seem to me that it would be a good thing to see to it that the boat is properly preserved so they might have it in their museum if the Indians no longer wish to use it. At any rate, I want to go on record again as saying that such collectors and commercializers as Ankeney and Stockdale should not benefit from the use of this Wanapum boat.

I am wondering how your book is coming along. I have seen copies of it but have not yet got myself one or have had time to do any reading outside of keeping up with the general business. I hope that it is selling well, and I look forward to reading it soon.

The PUD contract is on its way through the mill and it should be alright before long.

Very best regards,



Douglas Osborne,
Curator of Anthropology

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