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Dr. Douglas Osborne,
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Dear Dr. Osborne:

Thanks for your note of Jan. 10 concerning your contemplated field trip.

I don't wish to cast any damp blankets on your projected plans for a trip to Canoe Island, commonly known I believe by the core drillers as Whale Island. But one of the PUD men was in today, en route over to Priest Rapids with a reporter from the Spokesman. He said only that when conditions were a little better, he'd arrange for a boat and a trip there. I presumed from what he said that the conditions weren't good right now.

I would suggest that as we must depend upon the PUD for transportation, you drop a line to Mr. Kenneth Crowe, Grand County PUD office, Ephrata and ask his advice as to time scheduling. He'll cooperate in all ways possible.

Then too, our weather has been so mild, and knowing how it usually goes, I've a hunch that by the middle of next week we'll be down in the zero and sub-zero classification, with perhaps snow. So far we've had little. Six inches of snow would block the road to all but Jeep or Heavy Weapons or Carrier travel.

I will ^{be} and am in Yakima on the time noted and can always take off an hour or so. I do not work on the 21st, and if things work out as to the weather and other conditions I will be glad to go along, or if the weather is OK and the 20th is the day for you, I'll see about that.

We've a man going into the hospital tomorrow and I don't think he'll be out for a couple of weeks, and that will preclude my chance of taking off during the middle of the week which I ordinarily could. I do not have a regular Saturday schedule off, but can always arrange to get off anytime when we have enough on the staff to fall back on.

I've laid off any story on the "Wakemap area until your situation clarifies there (so as not to start any gold rushes) and would be glad to hear how that stacks up.

If you do go to Wakemap and decide not to go further, or only to Yakima and then back via Snoqualmie, I'll be happy ~~xxxxxx~~ of the opportunity to pass on what I know, hurriedly, and it may be that you would be staying overnight for a dinner and a real briefing.

As I write I think the best advice will come from Crowe, so I am enclosing a carbon copy of a letter, mailed to him with this dispatch.

Sincerely

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