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Dear Jim:

Regarding "circularizing" the libraries, I am inclined to believe that this would not be worth the postage now, least of all the hours of work required.

9 You may have forgotten that I originally circularized not only all libraries in the state of Washington, but a comprehensive list throughout the nation, made up of the Library reference catalogue. This included some 150 libraries as I recall, especially those in Chicago, New York etc. having Americana and Indian collections. I included clippings about the Wanapums in most of the letters, and additionally, various library publication carried information on the book. The Washington State quarterly carried a page on Drummers and Dreamers, the only book treated in that manner.

I am inclined to believe that librarians move very slowly and as funds are available to them, and that many have already acquired the book.

The first concrete pouring ceremony, with AP wirephoto, several radio and TV and some 70 newspaper representatives, drew the governor, two senators, a congressman and many top Northwest leaders besides a crowd of 2,000 in "the middle of the week." The three Wanapums and one religious leader, attired in regalia, were on the speaker's platform and were honored by the PUD. I should think this will begin to have some small effect, through the widespread news stories, on the dealers. If that does not

move them, I don't know what will.

I ~~think~~ do know this. That many people are inquiring of the dealers about the book, and they are caught short, taking it in stride like their ordinary way of handling things.

Soon I will take some spot checks from my mailing lists, and move some direct to wake the dealers up, if I have the time etc.

However, I don't think the libraries are worth considering. They will all come through because the demand is being made upon them by their readers. The ones not now sold will come through, slowly.

At the annual meeting of the State Historical Society at Tacoma Saturday, the speaker, and in the face of a score of writers there, picked up Drummers and Dreamers as the book that had shown him what could be done with history and inspired him to further studies. He paid tribute to my work with him in the Priest Rapids situation. The speaker was State Sen. Nat Washington, the attorney for the PUD. It came out of the blue to me, and I spent considerable time afterwards, learning that even in that ~~ka~~ "learned" group of 250, many had not yet acquired the book but had it on their list for eventual acquisition.

Chapin Foster, director of our society, told me he recently placed an order for some more copies. He said it is continuing to move.

Sincerely

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