

June 19, 1953

Outline of material being prepared, as a volunteer matter, to be left with Mr. Ramsay, Department of Justice, lands department representative at Yakima, Washington, for survey of the Wanapum or Priest Rapids Indian case.

1-Prehistoric. Covering legendary and heresay. (narrative)

a-Genesis of the Wanapums

2-Occupancy and use. Large map of Eastern Washington will be marked for general reference. Narrative will include place names. Area will show where they ranged, where they lived, where they obtained various foods.

3-Moral and other rights. This will include (phonetic) dictionary in brief, showing comparison of the dialect with language of other Shapshapian speaking peoples, including the Yakimas.

4-Present Wanapums (unallotted) listing the individual by commonly called name, Indian name and approximate age. This I consider vital. It would assure that these would be the only recognized people and that others, allotted, would not, in event a grant of land were given, in time move in and occupy it as has been the case in some grants made in past situations, similar to this but perhaps without parallel to this case.

a-Their dire need confronted by losing their last foothold on the ~~Yakima~~ Columbia River, the contemplated welfare of the few young ones; the religious explanation of why they must continue to cling to the old Wanapum territory along the Columbia River.

5-And, if requested, a notarized statement that I profit in no way in this matter aside from my friendship with the people, and that I profit in no way in the future.

6-Photos as necessary, for file purposes.

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