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August 1, 1955

Mr. Click Relander
c/o The Yakima Republic
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

As attorney for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and more recently as chairman of the Stevens' Treaty Centennial Observance held in Walla Walla, I have read with interest the booklet which you prepared for the Yakimas upon the occasion of their Treaty Centennial. I think it is excellent.

Al McVay showed me the first draft of your pamphlet which contained quite a bit more detail than you were able to incorporate in the pamphlet itself. There were two matters in particular in your first draft in which I am interested: (1) the citation to a Congressional Report or document of some sort prepared by Special Agent J. Ross Brown on the subject of the causes of the Indian Wars; (2) the text of Doty's Journal on his trip in the spring of 1855 to lay the ground work for the Walla Walla Treaty Council.

I would appreciate your sending me the Congressional citation to the Brown Report.

And I would especially like to have the opportunity to read the photostats of the original Doty Journal which I presume are in your possession. The latter are quite important in connection with certain litigation which we are now conducting on behalf of the Umatillas to establish their right to hunt out of season on the Umatilla Reservation.

You may be interested in the enclosed Record of Proceedings of the Centennial Observance held in Walla Walla.

Sincerely yours,

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August 15, 1955

Mr. Click Relander, City Editor
Yakima Daily Republic
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

Thank you for your letter of August 2, 1955 and for the typed copy of the Doty Journal and the printed copy of the J. Ross Brown report.

I am returning herewith the printed copy of the Brown Report of which I have procured photostatic copies of the original from the National Archives. I am also returning herewith your typed script of the Doty Journal which we have ordered from National Archives but as yet have not been received.

We have a fairly large collection of material from the National Archives bearing upon the Walla Walla, Cayuse and Umatilla Indians which I would be glad to let you use for reference purposes if the need arises.

Your forthcoming book, Drummers and Dreamers, sounds very interesting and I am enclosing herewith my order and accompanying check for \$6.00.

I hope that in the near future I will have the opportunity of meeting you personally.

Sincerely yours,

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January 19, 1956

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

Dear Mr. Relander:

Thank you for your letter of January 18, 1956 with the most interesting enclosure of your story on Annie Billy.

Concerning the claim of Annie Jim to an interest in some land along the Snake River at the site of the Ice Harbor Dam. I am well acquainted with Harry Jim of Nespelem who stops in to see me about once a year. Usually when he is having difficulty with the game enforcement officers concerning his salmon fishing on the lower Yakima River. I am very fond of Harry and I have talked with him at great length about the location and names of aboriginal camping sites of his people between juncture of the Palouse and the Snake and the white bluffs of the Columbia. As I recall, Harry Jim talked to me many years ago about an allotment or homestead that his father had owned along the Snake River. I recall investigating the matter and concluding that I could not assist Harry in whatever his problem was concerning this land, but I do not recall the details as to why I couldn't help him. I seem to have a vague recollection that the property was taken for taxes and later sold at a tax sale, but I have nothing in my files to substantiate this dim recollection.

In any event, the U. S. Corps of Engineers, before it acquires the lands that will be flooded back of Ice Harbor Dam, will employ a title company in Walla Walla County and another title company in Franklin County to prepare a complete title report on all of the lands to be submerged or otherwise taken in connection with the project. I, therefore, recommend that you advise Annie Jim to write to the District Engineer, Walla Walla District, U. S. Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla, Washington and state her claim. If the title companies' search turns up any interest of Fish Hook Jim or descendants, I am sure that the Corps will deal fairly with Annie and any other of such descendants.

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Paul Niebell told me something of the election difficulties the Yakimas have been having. We have been finding on the Umatilla Reservation, too, that the problems of prosperity are sometimes as difficult as problems of poverty.

Be sure to let me know when you plan to be in the Walla Walla area so that I will have the opportunity to meet you.

Sincerely yours,

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October 4, 1956

Mr. Click Relander
City Editor
Yakima Daily Republic
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

I received your new book yesterday, took it home last night and very nearly finished reading it. The writing is first rate and the subject matter fascinating. I wish to thank you, too, for the very nice inscription.

Sincerely yours,

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