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Dear Mr. Mackey:

Your letter was addressed to an address where I lived before purchasing a house "large enough" to accommodate my various books, studio, etc., although it was sent first to Caxton's. So with the rush of the mail changeover, it just arrived.

Yes, I have some tapes of the washat (two drummers) and their pronunciation of Smowhala, etc. However, this is on an old style tape. I have, on several occasions, tried to get a tape playback that would handle this and there have been so many changes in tapes, it is proving a problem. So I have been afraid of ruining it until I get an expert to do the job of cutting an extra tape. I don't know if I will ever get that done in time to be of any help to you. In that same line I have two old Edison cylinder records, almost pure wax, that were made by the late L.V. McWhorter of two songs, one a medicine man's song. I want, and have tried, to get some of my old Indian informants where I can get that played (and recorded before the wax is destroyed). Today I spent down along the Columbia River with several old Indian fishermen and an interpreter and searched out some 40 old fishing sites etc. that will go under water and got a lot of stories about the areas concerned, legendary and historic, which will take some time to convert from notes.

I'm sorry about the tape and will make some inquiries again with some electronics men to see if one can resurrect a "guaranteed" old style cycle that will handle it without destroying it, but am jammed right now with work at the office, because of my trip today.

Sincerely Click Relander