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Mrs. Maggie Kuempel,
Shields Books & Stationery,
1360 Edwin, Richland.

Dear Maggie:

Glad you can breath easier now that the books are in...and I hope they come up to expectations. After the blast in the CBN today I will have to come across in the Tri-City area, with the writing. It's a little too much on the simple side, the writing that is.

I wouldn't worry about the invitations and the explanation. The tour is a memorial to the man, and I think the story in today's paper and other stories will explain plenty satisfactorily.

If you would, please see Mr. Melvin Voorhees at the News, giving him one of your stock copies now, which I will replace from a few books I will carry with me. I think this will pay off in the follow through, the news or spot news coverage of our little tour. Tell him I will inscribe it properly for him when I hit town, and that I have asked you to do this so he will not be delayed in receiving a copy. The paper's review copy was sent to Ted, but I want Melvin V. to have a copy too. Glenn Lee received the review copy for his paper. I don't know him. He should come up with something.

I have confirmed the Mid-Columbia Writers appearance. Hope you can come out.

We aren't a wild west traveling show, you know, just simple people with an appeal to plain people who like history, And we won't stage any Indian raids on the town.

I have also confirmed an appearance at Richland Public Library in connection with National Book Week, sometime in November I believe without checking my notes. Maud Doris E. Roberts is the librarian. She may show up at the book party or the Mid-Columbia Writers. So you will have a follow through, although by that time the book may be far overplayed for what it is worth...

Sincerely

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