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Stands the old one, Casaseca,
Thinking of the long ago.
How her father, Great Chief Moses,
Sought to live by white man's laws... etc. etc.

Evelyn Wernstadt, Wapato.

Dear Sirs: May I please order a couple of copies of your paper of February 3, ..Chief Thompson and his wife at Celilo showed me the touching article on the Wanapums, River People by ...The Celilo Indians know the Wanapums and share their concern about the future of the River Indians.. Martha Ferguson McKeown, Hood River, Ore. (She is author of a best seller about the Northwest of two years ago.)

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Yakima Indian Christian Mission, White Swan: ..I want to congratulate you on the series of articles that appear occasionally....Your attitude toward the Indians is very sympathetic and you always write with appreciation of them. We here at the Mission are lending our efforts toward the movement for saving Celilo Falls for the Indians by writing to the leaders in the different denominations. etc. The picture is lovely.. "Would it be possible to get an enlargement for which we would pay. We want it to hang in our office.."

Malcolm L. Norment.

Others from Niantic Christian Church, Niantic, Ill. etc.
Most of them of course are tied into the Dalles.

So..wouldn't it be wise to just continue behind the scenes until the "damn dams" are straightened out and then tell no one can ever rise and howl about "obstructing progress?"

Also: "An acknowledgement from the Federal Power Commission, notifying us Wanapums," about permit status.."should an application for a license be filed, you will be advised and at that time you may recommend special conditions for inclusion in the license for the

protection of the Indians."... Puquay, secty.

Hal, we only want you to thoroughly check into this case, which has merits, and we will keep your name out, until the proper time and that is strictly dependant upon your desire to intercede.

I am sure that with contacts and the way these letters roll on just the one Wanapum story, I could marshal petitions by the oddles, at the right time, and I know I can get them not only from here, but sincere ones from California and elsewhere in the nation, in perhaps substantial circles.

The Firing Range is now all the way to the river, and I think in terms of the future, when some of that government land, good only for these Indians, can revert back to them. They don't want "valuable" land, but the poor land of their forebrears, where they can perpetuate their culture and die.

I know you are too busy to take time now, and you don't have to answer the letters, because we know you are keeping in touch with things and we will keep in touch with you, and, when necessary, provide you with evidence regarding these people. My evidence I mean evidence that would prove material in the Smithsonian Reports etc. about these people, quite generally wrong and it is on such things as those the government has based its previous assertions on.

(One dept. of justice investigator, for the lands claims cases, who I spent several afternoons and evenings with, giving information of help, said that in event the Wanapums acted, on the case of what I had told her, the dept. could not object. And she is a trained ethnologist.)

I shall send you clips from time to time. The ones about Celilo of course are just good Indian stories. And, I shall in time prepare copies of previous letters etc. But please don't feel you have to do a lot of work now.

Sincerely

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