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Mr. Albert Culverwell  
State Historian,  
State Parks Commission

Dear Al:

Enclosed, 1 photograph, a progress shot of work I am doing of Chief Tommy Thompson of the Wyampums at Celilo Falls and typescript copies I thought you might be interested in.

The sculpture of Tommy Thompson is of course far from complete but is shaping up.

The typescripts are from Department of State (rather State Dep't. Territorial Papers, Washington, 1854-72 Microcopy and with few exceptions deal with the Col. Ebey incident. I thought perhaps that if you do not have copies of these, that they may be of interest to Mr. Vanderzicht, and I anticipate that there will be other references to the matter in subsequent letters which I will be glad to send you copies of. True, you may already have them. They are ones I mentioned to you on one of your visits to Yakima.

I gain a different perspective than incidental scanners of history may gain from this "incident." It appears far more than the attack upon a white man on "Whidby's" island, has real historical importance in my estimation and opens a big field of investigation, picture possibilities etc. Besides the governors involved, there is the President of the United States, the Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy, various naval vessels etc. and a far wider field of history than is contained on "Whidby's" island.

I'm glad to hear that you and others plan to be here from Seattle to attend the Fort Simcoe meeting. My research in that matter is mounting rapidly.

I've located nothing else especially new concerning Concomley but have some good lines out and high hopes.

If you do not have the enclosed material, may I suggest you set up a folder file, letting me know its title, and subsequent material I uncover will be sent you as addendum, Eb/ey NS-I (or whatever title you care to give it). I shall be most happy to pay for copies of any pertinent photos (copies) to allow my own file to develop and expand.

kind regards till I see you

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