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Mr. John R. Rogers,
443 North Eleventh Ave.,
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Dear Mr. Rogers:

First, my apology for not answering your letter before, but it caught me in the process of moving, which was a gigantic undertaking with all my books, files, etc.

Re: Drummers and Dreamers, this book has been out of print for about three years. I was caught short and didn't buy any extra copies myself. It occasionally shows in book lists but at prices out of line, from \$12 to \$22.50! However the library should be able to provide a copy even on library loan.

Also, you probably have done so, check the library for Bureau of American Ethnology Vol 14, Part II, the Mooney Report, for the Ghost Dance religion and the Smowhala cult. In print is the very good work on the Shaker religion (also covered in Mooney as your letter indicates familiarization) H. G. Barnett: Indian Shakers, a Messianic Cult of the Pacific Northwest, Southern Illinois University Press, 1957 (Carbondale, Ill). Dr. Barnett, I believe, is now in the Department of Anthropology, U. of Oregon.

You are also acquainted with McWhorter's Hear Me, My Chiefs, I am quite sure. It is the best on the Nez Perce war, and has considerable "religious" angles in it.

In pamphlet form is A. H. Gayton's The Ghost Dance of 1870 in South-Central California, U. of California Press, ~~Berkeley~~ Berkeley, 1930; and Cora DuBois The Feather Cult of the Middle Columbia, George Banta Publishing Co. Menasha, Wis. 1938 (both latter I feel sure are out of print).

Joseph (chief) was a Dreamer, but that religion and others, from what I have determined had only an incidental role in the war and unrest of the period. The Indian-White relations then were little different than today, except then the whites resorted to war to obtain land, etc. Now they resort to legislation.

Drummers and Dreamers is not an especially "scholarly" approach to the religion. It was written as the story of a small clan. There is considerable religion interwoven in my Strangers on the Land, published by the Yakima Tribe and for sale at \$2.25 a copy. It is paper bound but contains 63,000 - 65,000 words! The title is explanatory. This was issued a year ago February in a rather limited edition and copies are still

available from the Yakima Tribe, box 634, Toppenish, Wash. or I could forward you a copy. There are not many left as I understand it.

When I get cleared around and can deal in specifics (answers to specific questions) I would be glad to write you more concerning the Dreamer religion, the Washat. Easter Sunday I attended one of the first foods feasts at Priest Rapids and each year learn more. No doubt in time I will have other views on the Indian religions with which I am acquainted.

Sorry I cannot be of more help at this time but as you get into your study and have some specific questions, perhaps I can be of some small help. Also your library, check of the historical quarterlies, Oregon and Washington (as well as Montana and your own state) and the indexes of them the library should have, would ~~can~~ produce some religious material. And don't overlook Dr. Robert Ruby's small 'The Ogala Sioux, which deals with the Peyote "cult."

You have cut yourself out a gigantic undertaking, and if I knew whether you were writing for publication, magazine articles, your own knowledge, a thesis or what, perhaps I could come up with some better ideas.

I'm sorry I have no suggestion as to where you can get a copy of "Drummers!"

Sincerely

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