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Mr. Percy M. Othus,
Corps of Army Engineers,
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Dear Mr. Othus:

Enclosed are some clippings for your possible interest.

If I had obtained a copy of Col. Moorhead's report on the John Day, at the time it was issued, I believe I could have made a good story out of it. As it is, I managed to weave it into another of the "river change" stories. Of course these stories are quite removed from "technical" reports, but I do believe they impart a general knowledge to the general reader.

Another clipping concerns Priest Rapids. I am pleased to know the Federal Power Commission has included a "proviso" in the permit and if such is also included in the "license" when and if issued, it will give the Wanapums a chance to show how they are different from the treaty Indians.

Even were the dam site to be selected damage or destroy the Wanapum graveyard, I am sure there will be no difficulty, since these people are serious in their desire, a home that they are now losing their last home and there certainly must be something in that area that will eventually be obtainable for them. At a proper time, when a site is selected, then the way will be open for legal action through Congressional legislation or Presidential proclamation and that should would be denied is inconceivable.

My microfilm research has carried me into considerable source material along the Columbia River (Mid-Columbia) and it is quite interesting.

Haven't become acquainted yet with Mr. Lechrone because I've been very tied up in Yakima and throughout the area (considerable speech making being now included on my schedule) but if you have a definite trip scheduled at the agency at ^{any} opportune time, it might be well to have another "enlightening" talk, at your convenience.

kind regards

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