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YAKIMA COMMERCIAL CLUB

Yakima, Wash.

September 27, 1922.

Hon. Albert B. Fall,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fall:

It has come to our attention that the contemplated removal of the Yakima Indian agency headquarters from Ft. Simcoe to some point on the railroad and main highways of the Reservation more accessible to those who have business with the agency, has been deferred because of protests alleging that certain prospective locations are unsuitable on account of immoral conditions calculated to prove harmful to Indian wards of the government.

Representing as we do the interests of all sections of Yakima county, we naturally resent any such imputation, and respectfully submit that either Toppenish or Wapato, Reservation communities seeking the location of the agency headquarters, is in all respects a fit place for the headquarters.

In order that those concerned may be benefited through a transfer of the agency at the earliest possible date, we trust the department will determine the location without further delay.

Yours very truly,

ORPHEUS C. SOOTS
Secretary

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