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Mr. C. Marc Miller,
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Dear Marc:

Here's another "short installment of brief notes," that should be of help to you in gaining a background.

One of the Wanapum (leaving eight) died. That tied me up quite a bit. A field trip with an old-timer to get place names etc. tied me up some more.

However, I had breakfast this morning with Dr. Herman J. Deutsch, professor of history at Washington State College, and Virgil McWhorter, L.V. McWhorter's son who staid over in town for the engagement. Dr. Deutsch came here to address the Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon.

Mentioned the possibility you ~~might~~ might drop in at the college for a quick shake-down. He told me he was running research on the Colvilles. He made numerous references to repository material that would be ideal for your case. Much of it I already have. But he's a darn nice fellow and would be glad to give you some pointers, if, it is pointers you are looking for.

I find I must have 25 or 30 good source material books that would "stand up in court," also several maps. One, a land office ¹⁸⁶⁶ map and land office report (U.S.) has a big map showing gold field locations in the Northwest, hand painted in. The Tilton map, 1861, shows where surveys have been made. It might be of more importance than I first judged, because, coupled with other references I have to certain lands being occupied by "squatters," it shows where surveys have been made, as of that date.

I should be hearing in a day or so if I get a copy (for my own) of the War of Rebellion history dealing with the Northwest, which even Dr. Deutsch admits he is not too familiar with but is a gigantic and expansive historical account, based on actual army letters, reports, etc.

Confidentially, when I mentioned some of the material I have, Dr. Deutsch asked me if I could give him some of the Colville material because he has not it listed on the basis of research at Washington and in various Northwestern Archives.

I believe the Kappler index I copied out of my books will be of greatest aid to you at the present. You would be welcome to borrow these for a few weeks if you are through this way.

Please understand these frequent letters, etc., aren't prompted by any particular motive, other than I wish to be of help if possible and if other things work out, that's well and good. I figure, why put in as much time accumulating things as I have and then sitting on it, when it could be used.

Sincerely

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