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Dear Puck-Hyah-Toot, brother:

I am writing to tell you as I promised. I have received no letter of reply to my letter sent to the State Director of Fisheries, at Olympia, asking him to fix it so you could fish at Wanawish as you Wanapums have always done.

Of course I may get a reply any day, but it seems strange that he did not answer me. So I think it best to start preparing as you wanted done, see what can be done about getting the bill Old Wolf had passed for you, made a good bill again.

V.O. McWhorter, who you know will be back in Yakima one of these days and we will make contact together and talk over how we can go about getting this started, as you have asked.

Meanwhile I have ~~wix~~ written to others at Olympia about you, including the office that says the state instead of the government, wants to build a dam at Priest Rapids. I tell them that is your home, as I told the government, and that you want land near there to take up your home, continue your Washat and live in the good way Wanapums have always lived.

I have written to the man in charge of all welfare offices, telling him that you people were stopped from



getting fish to eat this winter, as you have done in the past, and that you all might need food earlier than before. I told him this was because they stopped you from fishing there and suggested he see the State Fisheries man and tell him how hard that makes it for you people.

I know, as you have always told me, you don't want to argue or fight with people unless you have to. Now because of the things you have told me, I am ready to do some arguing and fighting for you if it becomes necessary, and Mr. McWhorter has told me he will help because his father liked you people and you called him your friend.

When I have other things to tell you, I will write.

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P.S. Tell Bobby to keep his eye on his birthday. When he knows he is 18 years old, he must, according to law, register for the draft. And the Wanapums have always kept the laws of their country. Tell Bobby there is no reason to be afraid. It would be better to serve his time now, make money and come back much smarter. Tell him if he signs up it may not be necessary for him to go. And tell him, especially, that when he ~~God~~ signs up, to come to me first so I can go with him, take a picture and show everyone how the Wanapums help their country. It will be a help soon for us in talking more to the Congressmen and Senators.