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Madden & Co. Ltd.,
D.W. Hiller, President,
Ucuelet, B.C., Canada.

Dear Sir:

I have a favor to ask.

Last Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 I visited Ucuelet, B.C., purchasing considerable groceries in your store and two works of native art, a basket woven bottle for \$16.80 and a painted mask for \$12.60.

There were two other masks available, then, man and woman, at \$18 plus each. I hesitated to ask you to take a personal check because I was nearing the end of an extended vacation, and cash in pocket was running low.

Now I am enclosing a cashier's check, made out to your firm in the amount of \$42, and hope the two masks are still available and can be mailed to me. I was below my allotted exemption for cross-border duty and reported, by actual receipt, less than the total allowed me.

But if duty is required for a personal use purchase, which I doubt, let's leave that up to customs, and I'll take care of it when notified.

I hope the amount enclosed will recompense you for cost of mailing, packaging, and sales tax, if required.

I am sending \$42, American, which at an approximate 7 per cent exchange should take care of tax and help toward mailing fee. The additional \$2 should be sufficient for packaging and mailing.

If, for some reason, these two masks can not be sent, please memo me the difference on the larger unpainted house-pole carving, which I recall was about the same and I will remit additional funds, though I hope to acquire the masks. And as you apparently have a contact with a mask artist, I would, from time to time, be in the market for another type of mask in the \$20 class. Later I expect to remit funds for additional covered bottles.

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This will not be immediate.

Also, if not an inconvenience, please write on inside the masks the Indian artist and his tribe and the "name" for the mask.

May I add that employees of Madden & Co. who waited on me and my wife on our various trips were exceptionally courteous and helpful in our various purchases. We are already looking forward to another trip to the west coast of ~~Burrinhaxx~~ British Columbia.

May I suggest, as a curator of the Washington State Historical Society, an author of various books concerning Northwest Indians, a director of the Yakima Valley Historical Society, city editor of the Yakima Herald-Republic (Yakima is a city of 42,000 population), a board member of the civic-oriented Yakima Pioneer museum, you would not be wrong in "stocking" as much ~~makerrk~~ material in authentic Indian ~~prillies~~ artifacts line as convenient, with limitation on basket material. Within a few years, with completion of your trans-Island highway there will be a ready market for this. Indian material, authentic, is growing scarce here and within a few years will be more so, there. If lines of communication are established now with dependable artists, this will be well repaid next year and in following years.

A mailing label is enclosed for your convenience, though you may, for customs sake, have to re-do it. I do not know. If additional payment is necessary, please drop me a card.

Most Sincerely

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