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Mr. Nipo Strongheart,
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Dear friend, Nipo:

I am sending more clippings of stories concerning areas you are familiar with. These are some of a series, the previous ones being sent some time in the past.

You will note also, a clipping pertaining to Priest Rapids dam, and one part marked in it.

This is my personal project, befriending this small group of non-treaty people. And a proviso as included in the permit by the Federal Power Commission, is, as far as I know, unique in this age of dam building, disturbance up and down the river and ill-feeling created therefrom.

The publisher's Trade List announces that a date for publication , price and specifications will be announced later on my book, Drummers and Dreamers of Priest Rapids. I presume that the schedule of publication, the date, will be announced in the late winter or spring catalogue.

When a date is set I shall let you know. I wish to present you with a copy of the book, because I know of your interest in things like this. I am working to secure a small home for these people in the home of their ancestors, as they have no "tribal" attorneys nor powerful lobby forces to work for them. But I believe that through honesty and an example of their lives, this can be accomplished. Moreover they are a historic people, the last few of a band that held to the river and their religion, refused to treat with the government yet went out in the world and made their own way ~~xxxxxx~~ against tremendous odds. You no doubt know about their former leader, the Last Prophet, Smowhala. This is the story of Smowhala and the last of his people.

Of course you cannot tell now, and I think there is not a sensational story here, but it is something that should be preserved for history. If you know of anyone that would be interested in reading this book, with the possibility that there is "picture" material there, I shall be most happy to send it to them upon your suggestion. The Indian problem is still a major one in the nation and will be for many years and there is tremendous interest in it, I find through my public speaking, in spite of the idea in some quarters that it is "campaigning" and people are sick and tired of the Indians.

I have made the head man of this band of eight a third partner in the book, so it will prove the white man does not always "skin" the Indian. And while I realize there will be slight revenue from this kind of publication, it may be a nest egg for finishing a home if land is secured, and I think that will be possible later through Congressional legislation or Presidential Proclamation. When the proper time comes I will tell you, because I will wish support from many quarters, to reach many congressmen.

Kind regards Click Relander