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Mr. C. Marc Miller,  
The Pacific Northwest Land Company,  
Fourth and Pike Building,  
Seattle:

Dear Marc:

How's moose meat? Meaning, I hope you got a moose or maybe some "meeces". And I hope your trip was enjoyable, compensating for the much hard work you've been doing.

I'm writing at this time in reference to a man the Indians believe is named Greenway or Greenwood. He's down around Richland and Benton City and has been talking to them about grave locations on the project etc.

It didn't occur to me that perhaps he had some connection with your work. I contacted Mr. Gilbert and he's unfamiliar with him, but suggests I contact you.

If he is doing this work for you, give me his name and address so I can write to him and give him a letter that will "open" the Indians up, as I have asked them not to talk to anyone until ~~xx~~ I find out whether or not he is our friend. It is a normal but essential precaution as you will agree. Maybe, even if he is not connected with your work he may still be a good friend, and the Wanapums need all the friends they can get.

However, we have been doing ok. I don't know whether you are familiar with the PUD situation or not, the granting of the temporary permit for exploratory work there. The Federal Power Commission included a proviso therein that protection must be given to the "Wanapum graves and historic relics." The PUD was getting ready to turn the core drillers loose on a \$207,050 contract but called up from Ephrata to meet us there before doing any work. We met and worked things out very rapidly and easily and more work is underway without undue cost, etc. This is to show that the Wanapums are indeed different from the other Indians and ask but little and give much. So in time, with full cooperation, maybe the assistance and cooperation will be returned, and if the PUD fails on the dam, a precedent has been set whereby the same assistance and cooperation will be given the State Power Commission, Army Engineers or whoever builds the dam. This, of course, is all done without benefit of attorney etc. and in the perfect honest approach the Wanapums take to all their problems.

Hope you can give me some information of Mr. Greenway or Greenwood, and if he is your man and undue difficulty has been caused, it can be remedied, easily, but, as I said, we couldn't afford to take a chance.

kind regards

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