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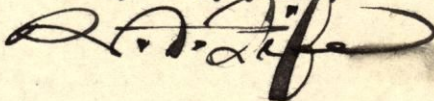
401 E. Mountain,
Glendale 7, Calif.
August 18, 1951.

Dear Mr. Relander:

Just remembered, unless my memory fails me that there is indian writing in a shallow cave near the Palouse Indian camp, probably put there a hundred years ago, or longer, who knows? When I was up that way after an absence of 37 years I met one of the bridge watchman whose name was Krieger, a very pleasant person who was interested in indian lore. I was telling him about the indian writings in the cave and he said he would investigate. He told me when the county bull dozers were working over the grade back of the indian camp a lot of bones was unearthed. It might have been a burying ground or may have been large animal bones, he was'nt sure. If you care to write him about these things, I imagine you could reach him care of the Oregon Washing & Navigation R. R. Dont know if his address would be via Starbuck, Wash. or not (this is Turners address) or whether he receives his mail at some other point and delivered by the section foreman. If he has left there, Mrs. Leuppe's brother Ed could tell you about them.

When you finish your writing, please tell me how I may secure a copy, I would like to have one.

Very truly yours,



401 E. Mountain
Glendale 7, Calif.
Mar. 5. 1956

Dear Mr. Relander - It is quite some time;
in fact, it is since last August that I
received your very interesting letter and news
paper clippings relative to your book
'Drummers and Dreamers'

While it is over a year and a half
since having the information about
your book, I have not forgotten it.
During this interval have been occupied
to some extent with the illness of my
wife, and also later had a major
operation. Recovery was a slow process
but everything turned out O.K.

To top it off I developed a prolonged
stomach up-set, which, according to
the doctor required a lot of 'X Rays',
a diet and medicings. Seems to me the
doc did it the hard way, as a simpler
diet of about two weeks, and I was cured.
Needless to say the operation, hospital
bills etc. were quite expensive. Gosh,
the doctors services are getting higher
than plummers!

But, getting back to your book.
About two weeks ago I took your
pamphlet and a news paper clipping,
which you had sent me, to the Glen-
dale Public Library with the request they
stock your book in Glendale as well as
throughout libraries thru out the

County. The woman in charge was interested and said she would take the matter up immediately with the main office in Los Angeles. Trust developments will prove enlightening to the reading public as well as lucrative to you.

I still correspond with an old friend in Walla Walla, Al Mask. who was with the rail road at the time of the construction of the Snake River bridge. Also with Sneed Cecil, now chef at the Whitman Hotel, Walla Walla. Both were in the engineering department, 1913.

Another old friend, Mr. Bassett of Washouka, recently passed away. His son, now with Douglas Aircraft at Long Beach, telephoned me about a month ago, telling me of his demise.

I hope to make another trip in 1957 to the Snake River Bridge, where I was time keeper during construction of the river spans and the north approach. Mr. and Mrs. and I plan to drive to Michigan (Montague) this summer, where I was in the hotel business for twenty years.

Regret to hear of a proposed highway bridge at Lyons Ferry, as like to remember the old landing as it is unchanged during the past forty three years. But who am I to wish to stop progress.

With kindest regards and wishing you the best of luck with 'Drummers and Dreamers', I am

Sincerely yours,
R. J. Life

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P.S. Incidentally, Mr. Basset who
passed away in Natchuena, was a real
old timer. He wrote a story of early
Washington, including a history of
Leons Ferry, Indians etc. His
son now in Long Beach, told me
his dad did not live to publish
his book. Mr. B's sister has
the story. If you should plan to
write again for publication a story
of the early North West, Mr. B's
story may be worth looking into.
I was ^{again} in Natchuena in June '53)

R.F.