

October 3, 1962

Mr. Click Relander  
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Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

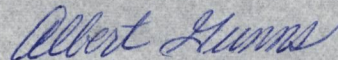
Dr. Robert Burke of the University of Washington Department of History has suggested that you might be able to assist me in my search for materials and information on ex-Governor Roland Hill Hartley. I am preparing a Master's thesis on Hartley's gubernatorial years (1925-1933) for Dr. Burke.

Materials relating directly to Hartley are scarce. It is probable that most of his personal papers have been destroyed by his family. Those remaining in Olympia have been decimated by some fellow who removed everything controversial-- and controversy was the life of the Hartley regime. I am attempting, therefore, to make the maximum use of collateral materials to pin Hartley down.

I hope that you might be able to advise me on the extent to which Hartley figures in the Col. Robertson papers upon which you are working. I am also interested in knowing your evaluation of these papers' potential value to a project of this sort, so far as they reflect various opinions on the Hartley controversies. Any other observations you may wish to add will, of course, be more than welcome.

And thank you in advance for giving this request your attention.

Sincerely,



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December 21, 1962

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Dear Mr. Relander:

I appreciated your recent letter informing me about the book, What Price Politics by Maude Sweetman. Thank you for your continued interest in my project on ex-Governor Roland Hartley.

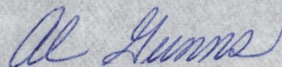
I have run across the book in several libraries but frankly do not know how much value to place upon it. Sweetman was in the pro-Hartley minority group in the state legislature, but so far as I can gather, she was known neither for her commanding presence nor for her penetrating intelligence. I should note that most of the information I have gathered about her has come from hostile sources. However, her book, as you doubtless have noticed, is highly colored and contains a number of factual errors.

There is a small amount of her correspondence scattered throughout the papers of several of the state figures whose files have been obtained by the University of Washington. Mr. Richard Berner, of the University library's archive division, has agreed to inquire into the existence and availability of Sweetman's papers. I would be happy to pass along any information which I might receive on this subject if you are interested. I think she was living on your side of the hill when she died.

A number of people have mentioned that you have a book in the making. I am anxious to see it and will be glad to give it the widest possible publicity among my friends.

Thanks again for your letter. And have an especially pleasant holiday season.

Sincerely yours,



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