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"The Attorney General"  
Room 2129 Department of Justice Building,  
Washington, 25, D.C.

Mr. Leland L. Yost

Dear Lee:

Enclosed are 1--Two photographs, progress shots of Tommy Thompson, 90 plus chief of the Wyampums and Mid-Columbias at Celilo. I have some notes coming up from him for Dr. V., which will be sent as customary to The Department. They give some words, buttoning up the southern boundary of the Yakimas from that viewpoint, amount of fish consumed, names of adjoining tribes etc.

Also-2--Consignment of microfilm typescripts. These are: Records of the War Department. Records of the United States Army Command, Department of the Pacific. Selected Records Received 1856-1858. These are NOT found in any set of microcopy but were picked up from unclassified stored boxes by a friend who has been doing Army research, on his day off, and then converted into negatives.

Admittedly, they are only of incidental value, but may help give a complete picture. They also contain some references to 'Whi, whose claimants' witness, Kiutus Kim, at Yakima hearing last summer, said spoke for the Wanapums. And they contain some war background if that part becomes necessary.

You may wish to forward the pictures of Tommy Thompson to Dr. V. I'll send you a personal copy later. Incidentally, this type of work, sculpture, seems to be the real way to the heart. Tommy cut loose and told me things he would never tell to his previous interviewer, a woman author, and having a knowledge of the Washat religion, of which he is an adherent, was also an asset. He once had a wooden bird, like the Wanapums. It was introduced to the Wyampums by Mowhalla himself, giving me much information on that score that none of the university people in the past have ever been able to obtain. Incidentally too, he told me of a nearly extinct tribe, just an old woman and her two sons left. They live up the river in the "void" southward from the Walla Walla River, but I'm unable to crack them so far. They speak a language which Tommy tells me NO one but themselves understand. Of course, the Yakimas don't know I'm working on this and I doubt if they know of the existence of these very isolated people.

If you think someone you might know at Smithsonian would be interested in seeing the photos, by all means show them the pictures, since I am specializing in sculptures of the last of the various races, and if I get the proper casting facilities, will make two casts of each head. If Smithsonian would paint or finish the casts and pay the freight, I'd estimate 30 to 50 pounds per head, I think in time I

would have: Puck Hyah <sup>Foot</sup>, the descendant of Mowhala and one of the last pure blooded Wanapums; Tommy Thompson, one of the last legitimate chiefs in Eastern Washington, and he says one of 16 surviving Wyampums; the old woman living up river of the nearly extinct tribe, and a Dog Woman Indian woman, who with a son and daughter, part bloods, are the last surviving Dog River Indians who lived at Hood River, Ore.

I suppose Smithsonian is well cluttered up with stuff like this, but if I knew they were truly interested, I'd make the arrangements for the double casting at my own expense when the time comes. And, that might add a little something to my progress, qualification or whathave you.

Later I will start on a reconstruction of a head from Concomley's skull. That is the one returned to Astoria from the British National Museum. He's a flathead and I've even unearthed a man living on the coast whose skull was flattened in the old style. The State Parks and Recreation Commission, now completing a museum at old Fort Columbia, want me to do the Concomley skull.

I may have told you Tommy Thompson consented to pose only because this woman author, who was former state of Oregon president for the DAR and has been his friend, told him he should have that to leave and that some day the DAR or his friends in Oregon wanted to make a statue of him down by Celilo. He didn't think much of it the first couple of times but when it started to look like him, he went overboard. The picture was made after the fourth sitting. I need only one more sitting and can then complete it at home, since I work unusually fast.

Accidentally, I don't spend much time on that, just now and then when the "bug" bites me.

Hope all the cases are going well.

Sincerely

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