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YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Mr. Glenn Smothers,  
Grant County PUD No. 2,  
Ephrata, Washington.

Sept. 6, 1955

Dear Glenn:

I am enclosing a letter and carbon copy, but after struggling with it some time have concluded it is a very difficult letter to write. For instance, I didn't know whether I should bring in the name, Bureau of Indian Affairs or not, etc.

So I am enclosing separate stationery and signed second sheet, and if you think it should be worded differently, you could frame one, read it to me over the phone today to expedite its dispatch and I do not see why that would not be satisfactory.

I do believe the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in view of transfer of Mr. Brooks who made a survey earlier as noted in my last letter to you, is somewhat worried about future litigation involving the "anapums."

If necessary I can put them to rest on that score, or at least with my assurance and knowledge of how things shape up.

This is no suit contemplated. As I have mentioned to you there would be only one further action. This would be congressional legislation, a bill granting these people the same amount of "settlement" as for that determined for the Celilo people. That negotiation is still under way. I assume it will be on the basis of \$3,750 or about that sum for each individual not enrolled. Since there would probably only be four or five involved, it would not be impossible that such legislation could be proposed and passed. At least congressmen and Senators consulted, even before the PUD came into the scene, seemed to

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Academy of California Church History

American Name Society

Southwest Museum, Los Angeles

Tulare County Historical Society, Visalia, Calif.

National Sculpture Society

think it practicable. I might even be brazen enough to seek an additional share to further the cultural perpetuation of the Wanapums such as construction of a long house or museum artifact acquisition. That may be wishful thinking.

I believe the government is fearful of possible suits and wish to protect itself against such. They don't know the Wanapums. I can't speak for any attorneys who would get hold of them, but I could sure raise a hell of a fuss because that would be contrary to the wishes of the Wanapums, frequently told me.

I do note in the Department of Interior notation regarding the protective measures that there is to be no removal of burials. You will recall that discussions thereto did not preclude the possibility of some removals. Our discussion--the Wanapums and Bob R. was that burials uncovered were to be boxed for burial on the hill. The Wanapums have also consented to the exploration of prehistoric sites that may be uncovered, and these include burials. You have the University representation (Dr. Osborne) to work with in this regard and could secure your archaeologist or anthropologist from him

Mr. Glenn Smothers, manager,

September 6, 1955

Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Wash,  
Ephrata, Washington.

Dear Sir:

The Wanapum band of non-treaty Indians, also known as Priest Rapids Indians, today reaffirmed that they have every confidence in the proposed licensee, the Grant County Public Utility District No. 2.

They firmly believe, as do I, and on the basis of exhaustive conferences relating thereto, that the proposed licensee being morally and otherwise bound would provide protection for graves and historical relics that would come within the scope of the proposed Priest Rapids Project No. 2114 on the Columbia River, Washington.

The Wanapums have asked me to request that the proposed licensee present to the Federal Power Commission the full and unqualified desire of the Wanapums that they not be compelled to become a partner to an agreement involving a third party to secure protection of graves and historical relics at Priest Rapids.

They believe that an agreement involving three instead of two parties would be unworkable for fullest expediency.

The Wanapums say they are appreciative of good intentions and wish to retain the friendship and good wishes of all concerned.

They recall and in full detail the proposals for protection presented by the proposed licensee and are entirely satisfied.



They respectfully request that the Federal Power Commission permit them, relative to securing protection of their graveyard and burial places at Priest Rapids, to consult and deal with only one agency or its successor.

They ask that the one agency be the Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, or any successor agency that may be granted a license to construct a dam at Priest Rapids.

Sincerely

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[Written at the request of the  
Wanapum headmen]