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Mr. Kenneth J. Crow,
Power Use Consultant,
Public Utility District No. 2,
of Grant County
Ephrata, Washington.

Dear Mr. Crow:

Enclosed are clippings and a few miscellaneous pictures for your use.

I have turned over a few other pictures to the Sunday Herald and will send you the result.

I tried not to bring in the Indian situation only as it was pertinent, although it is my off-hand observation that this approach will win no small admiration for the PUD. The Indian plight and the complete disregard of his rights has been too consistently overlooked in regard to dams. Moreover I believe you will note also that the attitude of the P.R. Indians, the Wanapums, is considerably different than at other locations.

When the Old Man, Puck Hyah Foot returns I am sure that he go to P.R. as soon as possible and will make himself known to those there.

I will have some prints of the upstream hillside burial made up to send you for your files. I shall also go into detail with the Old Man and others to obtain an estimate of the number of burials there. I shall encourage to leave them in situ, especially if there is no danger of their being washed away. That would eliminate even any consideration of pouring concrete over them. If concrete treatment is necessary from the engineers' standpoint, we trust that you will recommend it.

In this connection I recollect that in the matter of graveyard removals lower on the river this was a costly process from the ordinary person's viewpoint, and things like this we will do everything possible to eliminate.

I am writing to Dr. Erna Gunther, head of the anthropology department at the University of Washington, to obtain from her and Dr. Orsborne, information concerning burial molestation and laws thereto. This will be for dissemination of information (stories) to control the usual rush of diggers into areas where dam construction is imminent. In event of apparent extensive and unusual ethnological discoveries, as mentioned in my conversation this information will be transmitted to Dr. Gunther or Dr. Orsborne for their investigation and valuable guidance. In event they wish to undertake any archaeological work, I am sure there will be no objections from the Wanapums. The protection against indiscriminate looting, long a source of worry to them, will do much to allay their fears and suspicions.

I will also attempt to get a couple of prints made up by one of the photographers in which Mr. Joseph is interested, and they should be along before too many days, although the photos are rather rushed over the weekends.

I neglected to suggest. These people who are coming in will be on the job right away. They want to get the ground looked over before winter. Let there might be some bad weather while they are there.

Would it be alright to let them use your house if they promise to take good care of it. I don't know whether they would want to or not. But maybe they would like to bring their bedrolls and sleep there, or cook there on the stove.

I think it would be well to do that. Then it will make good friends of them too. Maybe they will offer to pay you something for it. That would be alright too. Or they might want to store some of their equipment there during part of the winter.

I shall be writing them soon to tell them about you. So see what Rex, Frank and others who have an interest in the place think.

Maybe they will want Rex to ~~come~~ or Frank to help them in some way. I don't know but I will ask them. I will be writing to them and tell them I have written to you ~~this way~~ this way. Maybe they are already at Priest Rapids, or will be there soon.