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Mr. Willie G. Tilton,  
Tilton Indian Relics,  
1615 West 21st St., Topeka, Kan.

May 30, 1955

Dear Mr. Tilton:

Enclosed is a postal note for \$5.70, having today received your letter telling me that shipment per bill No. 02100 is "on its way."

The publisher has not yet sent me a specimen of the circular relating to Drummers and Dreamers of Priest Rapids. So I am waiting until some come through and I can forward one to you. Then we can be sure it is the type of item you wish and can be handled as you wish.

I've made a few inquiries around about relic collections. There are plenty of them around, or several I immediately made contact with, but they seem to be the type that have been in families for quite some time, and the families think they are about the best in the world.

Your trip however to the Northwest should be productive. For instance at The Dalles, Ore. Mr. Julian Smith who operates The Dalles Trading Post knows more about those things (aside from their classification etc) than anyone I could recommend. He must work on a narrow margin of profit. He bought some collection at Portland last year and was selling off good items like old bows etc. for \$2.50 to \$4.00 and I'm sure he has knowledge of where some procurable collections could be obtained. He sells mostly to Indians and it has always mystified me why he has not gone higher because he is in close proximity to tourist route. But he sells these Nez Perce suitcases, parafleche bags saddlebags for \$6.00 (They usually go for \$25 or \$20) and things like that.

There are many "diggers" throughout the Columbia River area who have big collections of very fine bird points, petrified wood, gem points etc. but they seem to value them like real gems.

There's an outfit down around the Dalles and Portland called the Oregon Archaeological society that would be the key to running down about as many collections as a man would want to contact, and I suppose in time, because of moving, depressing conditions etc. etc. that some of these would come up for sale at a good price.

Meanwhile, I shall keep my eye open.

Meanwhile too, I shall forward one of the circulars when it shows and then your wishes can be better determined. It may be you would only want to use it as an insert in your fall catalogue or something like that. It is going to be a good item, but whether it would ~~ex~~ be suitable for a separate one on a mailing permit, I do not know. There's no big rush as long as we generally know it is coming along etc. Too, the Wanapum Indians are coming right along because of the dam naming and I strongly suspect that a view or vista house may be included in the works when the dam is built. Application for construction permit on the dam is coming up in July.

I'm heading for California in about a week for a little vacation, and wanted to get this off before I got jammed with a lot of last minute things.

Sincere regards

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