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Dear Friend, Alexander:

My contact about the Fort Blockhouse picture hasn't been around, but I feel sure he has nothing very old.

I've found out another bit of information:

There's a picture of Ft. Sincce and Ft. Blockhouse in the History of the Yakima and Klickitat valleys. Your library has that I am sure or could get it through the state, upon request. And, it must contain some additional information on dates, the Antanum Mission (St. Joseph's) and material for checking purposes.

I find out the date, 1847 is correct for establishment of St. Joseph's mission. The "brothers" were working in the valley and apparently returned to Walla Walla where they were ordained, hence the confusion as to the date of their ordination and the establishment of the mission.

There is a picture of Fort Blockhouse, pp. 342 in Early Klickitat Valley Days by Robert Ballou. That book was published in 1938 and is fairly scarce. If your library does not have it, they could get it from the state.

If you want me to copy the fairly extensive material concerning the Fort Blockhouse from the book and send it to you, please ~~0000~~ let me know and I will be happy to do so.

I trust you received the other material I sent, including the pictures and are making good progress with the rest of your research.

I've finished, but it now needs checking and typing, some 20 pages on places/names along the Columbia starting at Wallula and working Northward. If you'd like to check it over and help fill out the Wallula information, it would be appreciated. (I have little about the townsites founding, do not have the first name of Van Syckle and