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March 18, 1955

Mr. E. D. Hemstreet,
213 N. Hillcrest,
Yakima, Wash.

Dear Mr. Hemstreet:

Enclosed, and pursuant to my telephone call to you the other day is a copy of my letter to Mr. Schoettler.

I too will keep you informed as to the fishing date, and Puck Hyah too extended you or your representative an invitation to attend and observe the feast. There will be some of the Grant County PUD men there and possibly one or two other outside guests, and there will be many of the "ashat believers from the reservation, Umatilla and Warm Springs.

I was amazed to find the two old women pegging away at the tule mats (when I have been trying to get one of them I know very well to make me one--and for pay--now for two years! It takes about two and one-half days to make one of them. Most of the old ones have been beat up by the wind.

Since the opportunity permits a rare study of preparations, I plan to go up the Saturday afternoon or early evening before the Sunday feast. They sit around the lodge telling old stories that night.

I told Puck Hyah too that you would keep on the lookout for some bit of deer or elk but that this would strictly depend upon something showing up along that line. He was very hopeful that something would turn up.

If something does, you could communicate directly with him by addressing him: Johnny Buck, Beverly, Washington, care Priest Rapids Indian Camp. (The railroad men pick up the mail every few days and drop it off) Of if I can be of assistance, I shall be glad to do so.

I shall keep you posted as to the date.

Sincerely

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