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Dear Lee:

Relative to your letter of Nov. 10, regarding the Paiutes, I am picking out of my files material referred to, which is not a complete file of material thereto relating to Pyramid Lake, Owens Valley, Steens Mountain etc., but will give a general idea without the arduous task of reading the extensive letters.

I suspect the material may be known to Dr. Steward, but perhaps not previously seriously considered or recalled because it has few ethnic references and deals mostly with the military. But I believe it contains place names, leaders names, accounts of depredations etc. usually overlooked.

The material is from War of the Rebellion, Vol. 1, Series L, Pt. 2, "Ash, D.C., 1897. This is a 140 vol. edition, but I believe overlooked because it indicates Civil War material. I bumped into it, accidentally, tracing generals who were stationed in the Northwest. I found three vols. dealing with the War in the Pacific or (Northwest) and the 100 rough typescripts I shall send, not later than Wednesday, will give a rough idea of the immense amount of material available in those volumes. I know that many college professors, even history professors, and researchers, have no knowledge of this information because it is "disguised" in Civil War.

I provided some, relating to the Nez Perce to Marc W. when he first started off. The only other person I have given any of the material to is Frank F. Latta of the Kern County Museum at Bakersfield, Calif., a friend of long standing. That was some six months or more in the past. I do not think he had any interest in the Paiute case.

I will check through my California interviews with "Mono" Indians, possible Paiutes who became slaves of Yokuts or were married to them, but it is my recollection that while I had good sources, I was too young in the game to take advantage of my sources, now dead. I concentrated on legends, arts and crafts etc. I recall one old woman, "Dinky" who came from east of the Sierras when I lived at Visalia, California.

I shall return your copy of ~~XXXX~~ Claim 37 with the typescripts, which are on loan, as a personal favor.

I note apparent lack of knowledge of the petitioners with their own field. In Petition (Claim 37) pg 5, sixth line from bottom I believe it should be Mono lake instead of Mona.

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Also, my Spanish may be failing me, but I do not recognize "Sonorro", P. 5, 10th line from bottom, nor on p. 7, 14 line from bottom, Humboldt which is obviously Humboldt.

And, incidentally, the "War of Rebellion (the three Pacific volumes) is loaded with Humbolt, Klamath Indian troubles.

I have another document in the "15 class report of the Secretary of War communicating...the report of Captain H. D. Wallen of his expedition of 1858 from Palles City to Great Salt Lake, and back, 36th Congress, 1st session, Senate, Ex Doc no. 34 51 pp. w/map. I would suspect, that dairies of officers mentioned, if available, would contain information because of references to "Snake" Indians and that table of distances, including "place names" would be of value.

I will be very happy to send my copy, via registered mail if you care to scan it although I know it is available to you but it might be in some cumbersome work.

[The diagram in the back, how to build a pontoon bateaux to cross the rivers on the trip would come in especially handy to you if you are dispatched on a survey trip of the country!????]

One of the letters in the volume concerning old camp Babbitt [at Visalia] refers to the fugitive war chief from Owen's Valley Joaquin Jim, arriving in the Tulare County, Calif., foothills, near where I used to live, and I'm only sorry that I didn't bear down, some 20 years ago, on these occasional contacts with what I know now were obviously remnant Paiutes.

Like the previous typescript material, there is no hurry to return the forthcoming shipment, which as I explained, is being sent to relieve you of looking through the three large volumes. They are indexed however and would provide much more on the subject as relates to the military, if scanning the typescripts so indicates.

I strongly suspect that I'm nearly at the end of the Paiute[or Piute] material in the Yakima Agency files, although I might bump into another "nest" of it.

Sincerely

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