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Mr. Albert Culverwell,
State Historian,
State Parks and Recreation Commission

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Dear Al:

I am sorry you had to rush in and out of Yakima last Wednesday and that there was no opportunity to talk to you in greater detail either at the Fort Simcoe Board meeting or afterwards.

It was a surprise to me that my name was brought up and mentioned in connection with the smoldering feud that you have done so well to allay. And inasmuch as it was, I am writing to request the quoted excerpt from the letter sent you in that connection.

Mrs. Bartholet has, with others, always been my very good friend. I have refused, and will continue to refuse, to take sides in any controversy. That is not my purpose in life.

Mrs. Bartholet called me for a copy of a letter, and I complied with her request as all others, although this involved personal information. I even emphasized that the letter was no bases for upholding her contention, that it did not cite a specific kind of furniture.

But now that my name has been brought up at a public meeting, it is to my advantage to know the basis for it. And I wish to get the record straight.

People seem to be making mountains out of molehills. Nothing will ruin or disrupt any organization, its benefits or the products of its benefits, sooner. Of course what exists here is typical of that existing elsewhere, but I for one intend to do my part to keep it different.

Relative to the abstract that has been suggested, it is my opinion that one person only would be in a better position to turn a proper job than several. The fact that so much of the actual factual information is apparently now in the Seattle office further indicates this. I suggest that H. Dean Guie prepare the work wanted. The material I have has long ago been provided in duplicate to Guie, a board member. If he has additional material he can include it and I believe he has much personal additional material. As I said before, I will be glad to cooperate, but I do not see the practicability of two people preparing something, that would have to be added to in your Seattle office with an addendum.

Hope things are going well with you. I realize this is your busy season, more so than before if that is possible.

Sincerely

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