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May 20, 1955

Dear friend Joel:

Enclosed original copy of minutes of steering committee session relating to 1955 Pacific Northwest History Conference of which you were the chairman. Again my humble acknowledgement for your work of organizing and arranging the conference. The minutes, of course, are subject to amendment or addition (even revision) since I am not, nor do I profess to be a "secretary."

Enclosed too is a clipping on my friends the Wanapum Indians, about which my forthcoming book, Drummers and Dreamers, deals

In that connection, and as mentioned to you, I have many preparations to get out of the way in connection with the publication, early next spring. Advance circularization is to start, I understand from Maxtons, in a few weeks.

It is for my own personal contribution to making a success of anything I tie into, that I wish to obtain the mailing lists of the Conference and if possible a selective list of the Eastern Washington Historical Society membership. As I told you, I assure you that these lists will be restricted solely to that purpose (circularization) or personal invitation to attend some of the book parties when held in various regions of Eastern Washington. The sooner I obtain them, the sooner I can get the

vast amount of work entailed therein, out of the way. If necessary, I would be most happy to pay one of the girls at the Society a few dollars to type out a partial list of your Eastern Washington Historical Society members.

While Caxton is going to circularize the book as usual, I want to be sure it gets a thorough introduction. I would send out blocks of advance circulars perhaps, announcing the publication date etc. Then early next spring I might repeat them. Caxton is uncertain just how many to publish. And while it would not be an "advance" sale, those definitely interested upon receiving an advance circular and indicating an order upon publication, would help give an idea as to how many to publish.

Secondly: I have been building up a list covering various cities and when publication rolls around and I show up at those places with the colorful Indians, I would send out personal invitations to people to meet them (at such and such a bookstore or store)

If it is convenient to send the list or lists registered mail, I assure you they will be returned within a matter of a few days, via registered mail. The main idea is that I build up my own mailing list, which will be retained in my possession and not delivered over to any publisher, etc.

Within about 10 days the Yakima Treaty pamphlet 64 pps. and over 30 photographs and additional illustrations will be published. I wrote a couple of sections of this and an editor at the request of the Yakima Nation. I will send you a copy when this is off the press. Too much of a rush job to take much pride in, because the Yakima Tribe didn't decide to publish a Treaty Centennial booklet until quite late and I had to get everything wrapped up in about 12 days time.

Sincere Regards

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