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Dear Roger:

If your sea-incurred injury heals, and you resume your Alaska run, it would be considered a favor if you find yourself in an area there to make some diplomatic inquiries.

Nipo Strongheart, who you may have known, had quite a collection of Eskimo Ivory carvings, Nootka, Haida, Linglit, Bella Coola and other material.

I know where much of this collection is, but I know that Nipo was inclined to loan material for display. He might have placed some of this in the U. of Alaska at Anchorage. And I do not know how far from the end of your run that Homer is located.

He had a daughter, Thelma Strongheart Carlson, to whom he was very attached. She died at Homer on March 14, 1962 and was buried there. I do not know her husband's first name or if he is still there, or that he was doing, but Nipo used to go up and visit Thelma.

If it happens your run is close to Homer, and you can contact Mr. Carlson, I would appreciate any pictures of Nipo and Thelma together, the address of Mr. Carlson, and a "judicious" inquiry if any of his collection was sent there before his death on loan in some museum.

And perhaps in one of your ports of call you can find someone who can give you a few addresses of museums in "proximity" to Homer. Without a check with museum authorities, I do not even know the name or address of the University of Alaska museum, which I presume is at Anchorage. Someone might be able to give you that address.

The Yakimas would appreciate information of this nature. I'll explain everything to you on one of your trips over to the Valley.

Sincerely

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