

The Department of Justice,
Room 2129 Department of Justice Building,
Washington, 25, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

Relative to Yakima Case No. 161, and other claims pertinent thereto, I am writing to suggest the feasibility of an authorization for pertinent material.

I realize I have no authorization now, but because the material was available for only a short time and it was practicable to proceed or loose access to it. I am making a typescript of a 261 pp thesis which should be completed within another two or three evenings and afternoons. Reading it thus carefully prepares me for commentary.

Should the Department's personnel assigned to various aspects of the claims inspect the material, it will be noted that the first part contains numerous red circles. These pages were "tabbed" by someone who came across the thesis in the Yakima Agency office and spent several days scanning only the first part of the thesis. Previously, and because of my known interest in things historical, I had asked for loan of the thesis and this had been granted. It is known I preserve such material in my own files. The writer of the thesis happened to be engaged in archaeological work for the state parks commission on the reservation and only accidentally left the thesis in the agent's office.

Or, the material may be returned, at will.

I could make commentaries relative to various subjects covered, since some, to my knowledge are very good, and others are inaccurate, but may be used in pursuance of various claims.

I believe that thirty to forty hours would cover the typescript-study preparation and commentary.

The typescript will be sent in another few days without comment. It may be returned in the same manner.

I would call attention however to my impression that such material, if for no other reason, would save long hours of research to gain familiarization with a history of the reservation, various Indian allotment acts, court citations, tribal actions etc. While the writer has missed fire on some vital points, he has done much research and obtained much material, bringing matters up to date, 1955.

Sincerely

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