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Gentlemen:

I am enclosing several clippings, two of which are of interest to Yakima Claims 161.

I believe that Dr. Voegelin would be especially interested in the Story of Kamiakin.. Chief of the Yakimas that appeared in the "enatchee Daily World of Oct. 10. I had considerable difficulty obtaining a copy of this (and one for my own files) because of a short supply.

I believe it would be of especial interest were this clipping read, especially in the final paragraphs.

Judge Brown is a noted historian (locally) but is rather old and infirm. I understand he is attempting to obtain publication but I doubt if it will come to pass unless he subsidizes it as a vanity work and if it is any length, that would be prohibitive.

There are many errors, but there is a fundamental trend that bears out the contention of the Wanapums relative to Kamiakin's claim. Then too there is the matter of the 'alouse and the last son of Kamiakin. Besides there is the microfilm material on the Mid-Columbia that shows Kamiakin claimed other land that was not his to claim.

In reference to the Priest Rapids clipping, you will note the proviso mentioned by the Federal Power Commission. I am hopeful that this may also be obtained if and when a license is granted. Then the Wanapums will have an opportunity to prove themselves different from the treaty Indians, in conduct and lack of greed as well as other ways.

The clipping pertaining to Hill's Castle etc. is merely one of a series of historical writings.

I have received Effective Testimony for Scientific "Witnesses and find it interesting as well as valuable. Would that I had possessed such three years ago! But as I have said before, I think I am capable of learning quickly.

Sincerely

Olick Melander