

Dear Johnny Tomalawash, brother:

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I have received a letter from Mr. Gilbert at Hanford and he knows of no Mr. Greenway or Greenwood connected with the AEC. So this means that the man who wants to be taken to the graves etc. around that area should be identified first as a friend, before anyone tells him anything.

If he wants this information for writing, it will ruin the book we have written.

If he is "hired" to do this for the Yakimas or others, it will make things very bad. So be sure and tell everyone that we must find out who he is, and what is his purpose before anything further is done with him.

I was down at the agency the other day to talk to some of the Yakimas to make a report to them, as required by the government of me, pertaining to the burials.

They said they were to name a committee to look into it and see who they, the Yakimas, have buried there at Priest Rapids. But they do not have this help from the government that we received. I told them that we were interested in seeing that the graves were taken care of and that that would be done.

They and their attorneys, to whom they pay big money, did not get this help like we got from the government through my work. I think that much good is being done for the Indians this way, but if they start quarreling with the government like the other things, they will ruin things and that we will not do. Our interest is what the people who are buried there would want us to do. So we will do that and not allow this to become mixed up in politics. I told them I would be happy to work with their committee and report to them on things.

So keep me posted on what they tell you. This is not their ~~permit~~ instructions received from the government. This is the "anapums". Any people they have there will be protected like the "anapums. Oodonego

I am also working with other people now and they are getting me all the information on the law that prohibits digging up graves and sets up heavy penalties for that.

Then I will join with the Yakimas, if they want, to give some stories on this so people all over will know they cannot do it. They are digging all around The Dalles now that they think the ground will be covered by water later.

They are digging all over, wherever they think there are Indian graves.

The law does not allow that. But they do not know. So we must educate them and warn them.

The prosecuting attorney and other men like that are helping do this and they will take the proper action against anyone, no matter who he is, who violates this law.

These people who dig do not understand that the bones of the people must be ready at some later time when they are called.

I am writing to Puck Hyah Toot, too, but I guess he has not come home yet.

goodbye for now

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