

Mr. and Mrs. E. Nelson,

April 16, 1953

Bickleton, Wash.

Dear Friends:

Thanks for the invitation to drop by for coffee last week--an invitation I was forced to turn down because of prior commitments and a busy schedule.

I however plan to go to Celilo this week end unless matters come up to prevent me. I owe it to my friends to go there and see things for myself so I can better write stories that will help them in their difficult struggle for upholding the Treaty of 1855.

I am enclosing a petition. Members of the tribal council wish to take several of these with them to Washington later this month. There is no legal obligation and while the effort may come to late to stop construction of the dam, it should help safeguard the treaty in the future.

I would appreciate you getting what signatures you can, a few or many, and return it within a week or 10 days.

Meanwhile, if you happen to be at Celilo, perhaps we shall meet there. If not, later.

Thanks again for dropping me the postal card. The pleasure of your acquaintance, made on the Fort Simcoe field trip, is mutual.

Sincerely

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