

large envelope
Sept. 16, 1961

Mr. Robert Jim, secretary
Yakima Tribal Council,
Toppenish, Wash.

Dear Bob:

In event one of my notebooks containing Yakima material finds its way back to your office, would you give me a telephone call. I had it on my trip to your office last Wednesday afternoon late when I was discussing the Yakima material.

It became lost before I returned home to clean out my car, and I know it was with me because I saw it later in the evening. So it was not left at the agency. It was a small notebook, about 4 x 6 inches, thick and red in color. I'm thinking that if it was discarded by someone who apparently removed things from my car, it might, because of the type of material, find its way back to your agency. There were several old pictures of Indians, too, I had taken along for identification by John Tomanawash and Mary Chapman and others who might have known them.

Hope your trip to Lewistown provided some interesting material.

Please remember to brief Alex on my suggestion for a conference as soon as various sessions are held, so we can determine the scope of material to be covered.

Hope, too, you've had a chance to scan the files of material I've brought down. As I have the chance now, I'll be getting into other microfilm, although my first looksee at some has not been productive of Yakima material. The National Archives has just sent me a new catalogue of microfilm and I'll get a chance to evaluate some of the material therein listed and let you know the prospects when next I see you.

Because of your trip to Lewistown with the rest of the fellows I probably won't be down ~~at~~ unless you return early and want to see me. Call me if you do. But I'll plan on coming down next week after, starting the week of ~~Sept.~~ Oct. 1. There's the fair coming up which will keep me busy and also a trip to Moses Lake for a talk on "Indians" before the Woman's Club on Sept. 28.

On that trip I intend to confer with a Brown, who is a professor at Wenatchee Junior College and Dr. Robert Ruby, a medical doctor at Moses Lake. They have been working on Chief Moses for some time. Since I have more material on Chief Moses than the both of them put together, their trail has led to me.

You and Alex will be interested in knowing that I wish to confer with these two before giving them any of my material since the Moses story and the Yakima Reservation is something of interest to the Yakimas. And I have to find out from Alex about who a "Saluskin" was that was one of seven mentioned in connection with the Perkins murders in 1878.

I see a good opportunity here for telling the Indian story in the work they are doing, and would, before providing them with this good information I have, a file three inches thick, and some 300 pages, wish to know just how it is to be used.

This might not be determined until the happenings now taking place on the Colville Reservation develop. The Moses part of the story I am interested in seeing properly taken care of in their proposed production deals with the same situation as generally true all over, setting up a reservation and then moving in on it and taking part of it away because of the discovery of gold etc.

I would want them to agree to provide their legislators in their respective counties with copies of the book and to provide you and I with a few additional copies which would be small payment indeed for the vast amount of research I have intypescript form.

I don't know whether I will see both of them or not at Moses Lake on the 26th (a night meeting), but I am pretty sure of seeing Dr. Ruby who firstwrote me about Moses about two years ago. Brown wrote last year and now I find out they are working together. I see a good opportunity here of other material, telling the true Indian story, being published and you can rely upon me to do my part with the material I have on hand.

Sincerely

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