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Dr. Ermine Voegelin,

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Dear Dr. Ermine, and Carl:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Oregon Microfilm series received a few days ago from the University. It (they?) shall be returned to you by mid-September, or sooner, as requested, and also I will refund postage when I determine who it is to be refunded to.

I no doubt will have chance to do a little plugging along, and will make carbon copies which in turn will be available. Might save some eye-strain. Don't know how much I will get through because there will be a few things bobbing up, like perhaps indexing Drummers and Dreamers. I'm making a few corrections in manuscript second copy, necessary because of status of various dam bills, de-control legislation etc. which will be settled with adjournment of Congress as far as I'm concerned. If I do say so, I marvel that written two and three years ago, I was riding on the crest of the dam controversy (public vs private power) that is a growing issue.

The Wanapums continue their troubles. They had a state bill giving them fishing rights at Wanawish, 10 miles below the Yakimas Top-tut or Prosser, passed in 1939. It was killed, with other fishing codes re. Indians, especially Yakimas, about two years ago on number, without knowledge over this part of the country it was to be done. However the state has let Wanapums alone, letting them take their subsistence and sacramental fish at Wanawish till this year. Then bang; they picked up two of them. So I've been working over State Dept. of Fisheries. Now learn fisheries Dept. is putting through test case on Yakimas matter of fishing on left bank of Yakima (across river from reservation). I suppose the Wanapums will rise or fall on how that test case goes, but it's already drug along a year or more. Meanwhile, Wanapums go without salmon to eat or sacramental salmon. Hence, no feast at P.R. this spring. Meanwhile many in Yakima Valley want to reinstate Wanapum legislation, raise Cain etc. and I believe it could be done, but we don't want to get mixed up in things till claims get adjusted, because first thing we know I suppose the Yakimas would be poking their noses into the case.

Meanwhile too, our congressmen and senators tell me they (two out of three) are ready to get into action at proper time for legislation or Presidential Proclamation for Wanapums. Gov. of Wash. sez state may build dam at Priest Rapids, to heck with govt. (public vs private power battle shaping in first major test in Congress.) So it becomes necessary to inform governor and his Power Commission that if they are thinking in those terms they might as well start thinking in terms of what they are going to do to equalize living site for Wanapums, make



definite from the start so they wouldn't start shoveling dirt and then say they'd investigate and see what they would do for Wanapums. Old man and his boys continue to say, to Yakimas, they don't want to be enrolled. I never discuss that with them, but they are just determined they won't enroll, and the Yakimas are just as determined @@ they will. Even Yakima per capita payment of \$100 hasn't won them over yet and that is due before long. Maybe it will however in months later, looking toward next year, if things go wrong for the Wanapums.

How I envy you and Mr. Carl, ~~xxxxx~~ for field trips, but I have many opportunities here and try and take best advantage of them.

Reservation seems split now. Tribal councilmen say forget old ways, old customs, etc. Learn to get ready for decontrol, etc. Others say they will keep old customs. They come to me and give me material for stories. And, even want stories about lamentation feast (clip enclosed) in which riderless horses of dead, like Jim Looney, will be led around parade circle, and example of modern adaptation, autos of dead will be driven.) Here too they will bestow brother names, rare ceremony, in which man or woman designates someone to take place of the dead, as a brother, and gives him the brother's name, or another name. These things they tell me and besides even want me to come and take pictures of it. However, such things as having only pictures of some of those to be honored at lamentation, and giving copies to put in niche in tombstone, helps out.

I have finished sd@00 dispatching, with transmittal, considerable Letter Record book and some Microcopy material pertaining to the Yakima, that put with other material previously sent, will make quite a pile of miscellaneous background material. It was sent, as a courtesy of course.

Lorraine joins in sending regards. The best of luck to you during your research. Hope I've aided some.

Sincerely

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