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Mrs. Wilbur Rice,
1033 E. Main St.,
Puyallup, Wash.

April 8, 1964

Dear Mrs. Rice:

Yes, I did see the story concerning Rowland J. Bond, and it was a well-deserved honor. The greatest joy from such, is knowing the work that has gone into gaining the achievement, which is not easily come by.

I don't suppose there is any connection between Rowland and the name Bond on the Yakima Reservation. Miss Daisy Bond there is a very talented musician, teaching classical music and playing on occasion at local programs. She is an enrolled Yakima.

Joe Garry was certainly correct in his remarks, but within the past three years, due to pressure groups wishing to come into Indian land and timber holdings, the "public image" has been quite distorted. I am glad that Rowland has not been so "influenced."

Because of your proximity to Tacoma I know you are acquainted with the Lewis and Clark material there. They have some fine items, not to speak of the material in the library. And I agree with you that keeping a relic such as the "large copper hand made" kettle from the old Hudson Bay Post has satisfaction and enjoyment for one so appreciative of history. Might I however implant the idea that it would be well to "document" the history of this item, and the other items mentioned, and remember that at some future time these things could prove of interest to the many, young and old, who frequent the Washington State Historical Society Museum. It would not be amiss, on some visit to the museum, to take a couple of the items with you, and let Bruce LeRoy, the director, look them over and then you can take them "home to be enjoyed." He could perhaps tell you how at some time in future years they might fit into a collection of special items.

I wish to thank you for your letter, noting especially that many people might think of writing, but few show the energy and have the spirit of history deep enough to sit down and actually write. And I wish to apologize for the delay in answering your nice note and to thank you for the snapshot and clipping. They are going into my Coeur d'Alene file, unless you wish them returned.

Again, many thanks. (I am just getting straightened around from moving to a "new" home, hence the delay)

Sincerely

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