

Feb. 12, 1953

Mr. Malcolm L. Norment, director,
Yakima Indian Christian Mission,
Box 318, White Swan.

Dear Mr. Norment:

Thank you for your kind letter of Feb. 9, regarding articles about the Indian situation in the Yakima newspapers. We do the best we can and you, better than anyone, now the odds.

I have asked the photographer to print up a large picture and I will deliver it to the mission on one of my trips down White Swan way. (The are usually evening trips to see some of my Indian friends.) I, of course, asked permission of the family and it was granted. We never print up or give out any Indian pictures without the consent of those involved.

I am saving the letter from Rev. Cronkhite of Niantic Christian Church to go with possible other letters on the situation for a "round up" straight-away story. I suspect the agency is getting copies of clippings etc. and will check with them. Please forward me any ones you have. The ones you wish returned, will be returned.

Incidentally: Do you have any kind of photographic facilities at the mission? If you do, will you ask Dr. Corporon about setting up a typical picture of himself and some of his activities there, a good one-shot picture that we will have use for shortly. We will contact him at this end. I don't know exactly what his schedule of visits is.

Thanks for your invitation to visit the mission. I certainly will one of these days. (Incidentally..it would make a nice story were you to set up a schedule of legend spinning, good moral tales, by some of the fathers and grandparents of children at the mission..) that would not interfere with your teachings and policies but help perpetuate the legends and stories.

Thanks again, I will be
seeing you

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