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July 2, 1954

Mr. Click Relander
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Dear Click:

I was indeed pleased to receive your letter of June 30, 1954. Anything you can do to get the Yakimas registered and voting will be a great help to me, and insofar as I am concerned you have the go sign on anything you might do in this respect. I have continuously urged upon the Yakimas that all should register and vote, and if they would vote solidly for several years the politicians would become interested and they would get a better deal here in Washington on all of their matters. You point out that some of the older Indians believe that voting would jeopardize their rights. I have tried to dispell this fear from their minds, but haven't as yet succeeded. I will keep on trying and with your help it may be that we can accomplish the task. Certainly your help will not jeopardize me or the Yakimas in any way, but will be of great assistance in the accomplishment of this desirable end.

The question of Mexican labor in the Yakima country has been a troublesome one, too, and it may be that your publicizing this matter might help a great deal. The Indians have complained that the Mexicans have been brought into their country, and this reduces the possibility of employment for the Yakimas. Let's hope that your efforts will accomplish the desired result in this matter.

I am sorry that I was unable to have another chat with you during my last visit to Yakima. However, I will be in Yakima from July 15th until the latter part of August and I would like to see your collection of records and have a good long visit with you. As you know, James Hovis of Yakima was selected as my associate under my Yakima Tribal Attorney's contract. He is a fine young fellow and I am sure he will be ^{of} great assistance to me in handling the Yakima Tribe matters. Thanks for your assistance and suggestions on this matter.

I hope your weather continues cool during the time I am in Yakima, and it will be a great relief from this Washington heat ^{coupled} ~~escoped~~ with the high humidity in this section.

Hoping to see you soon, and with best personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Paul

PAUL M. NIEBELL

P.S. Congratulations on your winning the award at the annual Washington State Press Club banquet. I am sure you deserve this honor.

I have a new secretary, so overlook the errors. PMN

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[Claims Commission]

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April 6, 1955.

Mr. Dannie E. LeCrone,
Superintendent, Yakima Indian Agency,
Toppenish, Washington.

Dear Mr. LeCrone:

I am forwarding herewith the following documents and papers:

1. One copy of the original Yakima Treaty, with the President's Proclamation attached thereto; also one copy of letters of transmittal of the original treaty, Doty's journal, etc.;
2. Two copies of the retracing of the original Stevens treaty map showing the extent of the ceded area under the Treaty of 1855 and the boundaries of the lands reserved;
3. One copy of petition in Case 161, the Ceded area claim;
4. Original statement made by Alex Saluskin re customs, etc. among the Yakimas;
5. Copy of statement of Fred Davidson on Fisheries of the Yakimas, and two copies of the redraft, which I have prepared;
6. Two copies of a statement which I prepared listing the tribal claims of the Yakima Tribe.

I trust the above data will assist you in the preparation of the Centennial celebration bulletin. If we can be of any further help to you on this matter, let me know.

This afternoon at 3:00 p. m. the Yakima Delegates witnessed the signing of the Dalles Dam settlement contract by the Secretary of the Interior. Their picture was taken with the Secretary, and should be published out there in the local papers.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Paul M. Niebell,

Yakima Tribal Attorney.

PMN/esb.

Enclosures.

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September 1, 1955

Mr. Click Relander
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Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

I was sorry that I got away from Yakima without saying Good-bye to you. We had quite a trip and have been back in Washington about a week.

In checking over the Centennial records left here I came across the enclosed plat from Royce which belongs to you and am forwarding it to you herewith.

With best personal regards to you and Mrs. Relander,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

Paul

PAUL M. NIEBELL

PMN/esb
enc.

Dear Click:

12/29/55.
[Nieball, Paul?]

Our fight with the Com. of Indian affairs over the Yakima election is shaping up pretty well. All of the Indian organizations are solidly behind our stand, and I have had requests from the Chairman of the House Interior & Insular Affairs Committee, and other members of Congress for the facts.

I haven't heard a word from the Secretary of Interior as yet.

Am planning to talk directly to the Chairman of the Republican National Committee, who I understand is not too well pleased with the Com. This is in strict confidence.

Thanks so much for the picture, and clippings. Would appreciate receipt of any news from there, and will keep you advised of important developments here.

Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Belander.

Sincerely yours,
Paul.

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Dec. 12, 1956.

Dear Click:

Sorry I didn't get a chance to say hello to you in person during my recent trip to the Yakima Reservation.

The Indians kept me so busy that I didn't even get a chance to come into Yakima to get one of your books "Drummers and Dreamers" before I came away. So I would appreciate your forwarding one copy to me by mail. Enclosed is check to cover the cost. Thanks!

With best personal regards to you and Mrs. Relander, and with best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,
Paul.