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Dear Mr. Luce:

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I received your letter and the highly appreciated Official Record of Proceedings of the Centennial Observance of the Stevens Treaties. It is just the type of material that will help round out my files and provide not only information for future writing of newspaper articles but repository material for museum files.

Thank you too for the kind words concerning 1855-1955 The Yakimas which was too hurriedly done to be of scholarly quality.

I don't think I can be of great help on the information desired, but in an attempt to do what I can, I am sending a typescript of the Doty Journal and the J. Ross Browne report. These are going via registered mail and may be returned at your later will.

I think it wise for me not to mix up in any claims or controversies, so trust you will treat this confidentially.

The photostats from which the Doty Journal was typed were brought back from Washington by the Yakima delegation. They were secured through Paul M. Niebell and did not contain the microcopy citation that I could detect. I typed them off as they were and you will note the start on page 40. But I presume it would be no difficulty to trace the original through sending in the introduction and the closing to the National Archives. I confess that although I have gone through microcopy after microcopy I've not yet bumped into the Yakima Treaty material of which

the Doty journal no doubt is a part.

Tonight I scanned a roll dealing with treaties but it concerned those of an earlier Oregon period, 1851-53, and depredation claims. I had gone through it once before, but just wanted to be sure.

As you no doubt know, the other material is commonly known as the J. Ross Browne report. Excerpts --torn from the original bound volume are frequently sold by dealers in large cities for \$10 up. I don't believe a copy has been on the market at \$10 for some time. If you would be interested in acquiring a copy, I believe I could give you the address of a reputable eastern dealer who could provide it at a fair price. But feel welcome to keep this for a few weeks if necessary. You no doubt will like some of the other information it contains because of its "local history

And on "local history" I'm enclosing an advance circular of my forthcoming book, Drummers and Dreamers. While it is not due for publication until spring, I'm hopeful you may wish to advance order at this time.

If you do, you could fill out the form and return it to me direct and I will send it to the publisher who will acknowledge it. If you want a "signed" copy I would retain it and memo you when the book is due for release. Or if you wish to secure it through a Walla Walla dealer, note his name and address on the margin and I will see he orders it for you. (In fact I will later contact some dealer there and suggest he stock this book as it contains much of interest to your region) This is strictly not a vanity book, but Oaxtons is rather limited by promotional men and I'm doing what I can to get it started early before I get bogged down on other work.

I Probably won't get the registered mail items to the post office until late today, but this letter will go out via early morning mail.

Sorry I can't be of any more help right at this time,

Sincere Regards Clibk Relande