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Yakima, Wash.

Mr. Alex Saluskin, chairman,  
Yakima Tribal Council

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Dear Alex:

Enclosed are ~~amher~~ clippings, sent to you for your possible interest in their contents.

In the series on the Mid-Columbia area, I have endeavored to bring out various things I believe to be important to call to the attention of people. I find that many people, reading them, have a different perspective than they did before.

I have pointed out such things as disturbing old burial places and the laws prohibiting that kind of thing; the number of Mexican Wetbacks in the country and how they compete with others for the farm jobs, the importance of the Yakima Nation from an economic standpoint and the importance of registration and voting.

I have also pointed out the necessity of "going slow" on decontrol when it affects some of the tribes.

I have mentioned before, and I will mention again, that the time is coming when men like yourself, Eagle, Watson, Wilson, Ki, Meninick and others will be of even greater leadership to your region.

I foresee the time that one of you will be elected by the people of this region to serve on the state legislature, and like the late George Adams, will become a strong and beneficial influence for good.

In my writings I occasionally try to bring out things about individuals and over a long period of time they will become well-known to the people of this region, who respecting their wisdom and leadership, will select them for responsible positions. I want you to remember that and tell the others how I feel so I can be of help to any of



of you.

I have been continuing my research and hope to have time and the necessary long and enduring patience, to write stories, another series, pointing toward the Centennial of the Treaty Council of Walla Walla. I have much material on that, gathered over a long period of time, but it takes much work and ability to put it into the proper form.

Then too, there must be a reason for its publication, it should tie into plans and preparations for an observance. I should be happy to be of service to all of you if such plans are afoot.

It is very discouraging to plug along, as consistently as I do without knowing whether these things are appreciated. And of course my work is not confined to that alone, but it is done at extra time, sometimes late at nights.

I am continuing my series of sculptures of notable people or those who are the last of their race, so they may be preserved for the future. Few have the gift to do that. In fact if you hunt down a man capable of doing this, he will charge thousands of dollars to sculpture a head as I do. Sometime these things will be preserved so all may see how the people really looked, not in the shallow way shown in a photograph.

Meantime, a catalogue reaching me from my publisher tells me that my book is being prepared for publication, but does not contain a publication date. This catalogue was sent to book people all over the country, to acquaint them with what is coming up in the future in the line of books.

I have taken occasion, on sending the enclosed clippings, to jot down a few things as they occurred to me, to give you an insight on my activities.

Sincerely

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