August 23, 1953

Chief Tomry Thompson, Celilo Fishing Village, Celilo, Ore.

Dear Chief Thompson:

Mrs. McKeown may have mentioned that I wish to sculpture a head of the Wyam chief. I am writing now to ask if I can come down next Sunday morning for a few days. That would be Sunday, Aug. 30.

All we will need will be a room where there is light. It will not be difficult for the chief. And, as I wrote a few years ago, I shall pay him for his time just like I do in all cases. It won't be a lot of money because I get nothing for making these heads. But I want to preserve him among the heads of other races of people I have been working on, so when everyone is gone-all of us-they will know how we look.

Mrs. McKeown wants that I make such a head. Maybe when I am there I will see other people I will want to make later, the last of their kind along the river.

I am enclosing an envelope so you can drop me a note. If that time is not right, I might be able to rearrange my schedule to come to Celilo on say Friday or Saturday of September 4 or 5. I will be on vacation that week. I hope everyone is getting along well. Hope to be seeing you.

kind regards Click Relander