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Mr. J.H. Gipson, president,
Caxton Printers, Ltd.,
Caldwell, Idaho.

Dear Jim:

I've been snowed under for a couple of days so haven't had the chance to acknowledge the receipt of the mscpt. Drummers and Dreamers early last week. I am going to sit down and give it the real eagle eye.

There are not extensive changes, but the problem is to make it this time so it is good for all time. [Which is how it should have been in the first place but as you know, I'm a rank amateur].

It should not take long, three weeks to four, mainly consumed in waiting developments on Priest Rapids which hang now in the balance.

The big advantage, or one of the biggest, is expanding its scope. This is coming about naturally. The part of the land of the "anapums east of the Columbia is booming.

Big markets, opened there six months ago by Yakima businessmen, are doubling the Yakima business. At Moses Lake the building last year hit ten million dollars! That tops Yakima's best year. And you have been in Yakima.

The Moses Lake Economic Survey now being completed show it has every indication of being a city of 60,000 within less than five years, maybe seven.

And another important thing. I wished to check my Yakima references-- Yakima Indian that is. The tribe will be issuing a \$860,000 per capita payment this fall and there's plenty of sale among quite a class of Indians, with the proper tribal support. But the tribe, still being under

government control cannot purchase advance copies or even blocks of copies. An endorsement , once a book is issued however, has a large following.

Bert Broad asked me the other day as to publication prospects. I told him you were doing the best possible. And once again he noted that a Christmas date would permit him to stock heavily.

Another reason for a close look: I intend to designate a chapter or perhaps two that may be OMITTED entirely. That would cut costs. And the same thing would or could apply to the illustrations. I have previously designated several "alternates."

When I return the manuscript, I'll drop you a note and enclose a little check to go on my account. Prospects look stronger for my purchases all the while, besides.

Jim, please don't take time to ~~acknowledge~~ acknowledge this letter, which was written only to let you know I've received the mspt. and how definitely things are in the proper groove.

Sincerely

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