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Dear Dr. Osborne:

Thank you for your letter of Nov. 1 and the information contained therein.

The enclosed carbon copy is self explanatory.

Please understand that in the event of publicity it will be done with a view of competent public relations, leaving out the University and others. The facts will speak for themselves.

I have been appraised that some of the PUD officials wish to confer again on the Indian situation at Priest Rapids and this will be done in Yakima sometime the week of Nov. 14. Specifically in mind is the fencing of a fairly recent graveyard as protection because of the many people in the area, and similar matters. The Indians involved, who have relatives buried at these places (a hilltop graveyard) and a location close to the river) will be present and will give prompt and rapid cooperation to expedite the work of the PUD or any subsequent agency granted a permit for the Priest Rapids dam. They of course have no recognition as a tribe, but they do have a very valid moral right and they have a remarkable attitude in contrast to many "spoiled" tribes.

Incidentally I am going down to Wishram tomorrow on my day off to finish notes for another story about changes along the river. I will have a photographer with me.

Would it be possible to obtain a picture of the Wakemap mound showing work under way there. Also, please give me any other information about the mound such as how much longer the work will continue--right up to flooding time--some rough idea of the type of relics found therein in numbers too and anything else along that line that would make good reading for the "common man."

Is there even a rough idea as to the antiquity of the lowest level thus far uncovered, or the type of people involved--without being technical etc. about it?

When the PUD people show up, I will assure them again of cooperation on the part of the Wanapum with anything of ancient culture at P.R. that does not apply to them. And I presume by that time that they will have received a letter from you in that regard.

The State Power Commission is meeting at Pasco on Nov. 8 and it is possible that some inkling may come out of that meeting regarding the future, in event the PUD cannot nor does not successfully expedite its permit.

Sincerely Click Relander