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Mr. Frank George,  
Nespelem, Wash.

Dear Frank:

In your capacity as a leader, I am writing to see if I can be of help in getting something really going--registration and voting.

I am writing, frankly, to ask your advice. Is there any danger of rights (Treaty) being jeopardized, through registration and voting? I don't want to go half cocked on something, unless it is definitely for the right.

It appears to me, with matters going as they have been, that the very best things to be done, would be to get everyone on the various reservations, educated to registering and voting. The vote may be impotent, the way it has been nationally, but it will certainly be necessary on the state level. And, why couldn't it be important on a nation-wide level? I know of situations where a block of 1,500 votes would have put the election one way or the other.

I am dead serious about this. I have pegged along now, but seem to encounter a mild sort of resistance. If the people would tell me why they resist, and explain it so I could see, well and dandy, but I am beginning to suspect it is for other reasons. When I tie into something, I endeavor to do a thorough job.

If I am on the right track, feed me publicity etc. that I can use. If I am barking up the wrong tree, tell me, and tell me why.

I am sure your good friend, Bob, would make it possible for me to attend a session or gathering or so, to personally make an appeal along the right lines. I would personally finance stickers for windshields, a proper profile against an American flag or something like that. And I would get out stories, carry on a door to door contact if necessary, to get it over with the people.

Secondly: The enclosed unfinished head of Tommy Thompson will give you an idea that I am still pegging along as I told you some time ago.

Now: This may be the last summer it would be possible to get together with Cleveland and turn out a likeness of him to be preserved for the future generations. He owes it to history to have that done. You owe it, too, to lend your influence. I can't afford to pay much for sittings, but would pay on the basis of a dollar an hour say, and it is not hard work. He wouldn't even have to sit still. Just be around where I could measure and size him up once in a while. I take pride that good critics say I am able to get character etc. in my work, which is rare for a sculptor. Few can even make likenesses, fewer still

able to get the real character of the man.

I have in mind getting enough heads together for a show at some place like Maryhill, where I have been invited to exhibit. The heads, in time, would be left with some repository like that.

My vacation comes around the last of August. Where it possible to get Cleveland pegged down for three days say, I could spend parts of those days and get a good start, maybe good enough that I could finish it up at home. So, please, see what you can do.

Enclosed are a couple of clips you may be interested in .

I am in dead earnest on this "Wetback" situation. There's too much competition as it is for the farm labor jobs, to have to buck this. And I see by the papers since I wrote the editorial and got the editors to publish it, the immigration boys are moving in on the "Wetbacks."

Guess you will be a busy man this weekend with your celebration. Hope it goes well.

Sincere Regards

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