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Mr. Pete Long,
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Pete:

Enclosed is the promised "work kit" which the more I look at it, takes on the appearance of being a mess. but I have been "generous" in materials, and I don't think it will be so confusing as at first glance.

The "very rough" sketch is only a vague idea of general area wanted. In fact, if it works out, it need go no further west than say Olympia and Portland, and some could be trimmed from the east.

The general idea is to catch the river, the ceded lands, the Yakima reservation, highlight villages orientated by later day towns.

Enclosed are:

3 quadrangle maps with key villages located.

Columbia River Basin map.

Dam map with Hells (no 's but Hells) Canyon.

Trimmed map.

Columbia River Basin.

(Rare)--Distribution of tribes showing location. Only those indicated on map needed unless you wish to add Spokanes, Coeur d'Alenes, on the north and Cayuse on the south. Addition of any others, then located on the map, ~~would~~ gets into complications.

(rare)Ceded lands map, showing ceded land to indicate in yellow, marked 364, and on it the yakima Reservation, in pink, No. 365. No other ceded lands need be indicated.

Columbia River Basin.

Chief Joseph Dam folder (for location of Chief Joseph Dam)

McNary Dam and reservoir, shows location of Wallula, Pasco, Kennewick, Richland and Ice Harbor Dam site. You will note that the dams create large pools behind them.

Photos just for your looksee include old man, eagle fan, (if you wish to do fan ornament) drums, if you wish to do drum ornament, etc. Sculpture of old man is for you. It may possibly be used as frontice art. "oman entering lodge is to show you closeup of mats. Other pictures show lodges, the long house, old man and sacred flag with 6 pointed star. The drum contains sacred emblem, sun, moon(crescent) and seven pointed star, although six pointed would be proper. The sun, moon and star are the Wanapums trinity.

The handbell is another emblem of the Wanapums. pick any you want to.

The dimensions of the end papers are 11 inches long x 8 1/4 deep, meaning you can make your drawing any proportionate size. It's all up to you.

You can draw a small fort in for Simcoe if you wish.

A book of name spellings is enclosed for your guidance. For instance, if it works out, use the Indian name standing alone, but in cases where there is a modern name, use it and then [] the Indian name below. You can omit some if you wish. I've included a generous amount, but usually, key names, old village sites that is that are ~~needed~~ used in the book.

Some of the dams are completed and some are sites only, as noted on the maps. I have added Idaho, a bit of Montana and Oregon of course to get as wide a spread on the book as possible, since it is so confined as it is (its biggest drawback.)

You can simplify in any way you want, use any medium that works out black and white, etc. You have free reign as artist to do that and will have due recognition in my publicity as befits the end papers. I've seen some stinking ones, inside good books and I know you and I are capable of producing much better and something a little different as well as useful.

I have a feeling that if I lay down these things to the publisher well ahead of schedule, he may be able to surprise me and come up with a book earlier than I anticipated. Now with the dams going like they are, the earlier the book gets out the better. But just coast along and take your time on it, and before long, I shall start feeding you a little chicken feed.

Enclosed clips will help explain my inability to get this material to you sooner.

Incidentally I'm getting lined up with the press of the state (as a result of my appearance at Seattle the other night. Prospects from that score, and my contacts with the historians, writers etc. at Helena, are coming along much beyond my expectations.

I'm sending this special, to guard against loss of the two maps that have been removed from my books, which without them would be practically worthless. The folders, etc. will come in handy in checking my proofs for figures, facts, mileage, when they start coming ~~xxxxxx~~ from ~~xxxxxxxx~~ the printers.

Pete, I don't know what I'd do if I didn't have people like you to "lean" on in a crisis like this. It is getting now where I just have to get one thing out of the way at a time and even now, they are mounting up. So everything I can free my mind from, means just that much more. And I want to get this out of the way to get into some more writing.

Let me know how things come along.

Kind regards

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