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Click Relander
Route 3, Box 149
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

In line with our conversation of yesterday,
I am enclosing a copy of the letter which I received
from Fred Houston, our manager at Pasco.

Yours very truly,

E. P. Rines, Manager

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October 30, 1951

Mr. Elbridge Rines, Mgr.
Employment Security Dept.
101 South First Street
Yakima, Washington

Dear Al:

Following up the information which you gave me in Spokane in regard to the employment of some of the Indians from the Priest Rapids area, at last I have a final report to give you.

October 11, Rex and Frank Buck, two of the Indians which you told me about came to this office and contacted me in regard to employment. As I told you in Spokane I felt that I would have no trouble in finding work for them, however it was a problem whether I could get something on the Hanford Project or not.

While they were here I contacted the Labor Local and I had the Business representative talk to both Frank and Rex and explained to them the Union program, and he offered them their choice of two places of work. The first was at McNary Dam, at which place they would have to move their families, but there was trailers available for them. They could go to work down there without joining the union at once, giving them thirty days in which to make enough money to join the union and after they had become full members of the union, there might be a chance to transfer them to work on the Hanford Project where they would be closer to their own home.

The second proposition, if they wish to work on the Hanford Project, they would have to become full members before they would be referred out on the job. This would cost them \$37.25 each, which would pay for their initiation and one month's dues. They discussed it among themselves and thought they would rather take the Hanford Project job, if they could raise the money for membership and dues.

The Business Agent told them he had two openings, at the present time, for the Hanford Project job, and he would hold it for them until the next day, if they wished to take that job and could raise the money.

The next day being a holiday I arranged for Rex and Frank to meet me at the office at 8 o'clock in the morning, and that I would go with them and assist them in whatever way I could. Promptly at 8 o'clock the next morning, both boys were there and one of the wives, and the money to join the union. I took them to the Union Hall and assisted them in making out their applications for membership.

After this I went out to the project and contacting the Atkinson & Jones Company where I assisted them, as they could neither read nor write, in making out the applications for work, and helping them in the instructions in regard to the bus to take and highways to take to the job on the project.

They were all cleared for the job, arrangements were made so that they could come in through the west gate, from their homes and drive right to the work in the area. During these interviews I found the oldest one, Frank, had worked for the DuPont Company during the first construction, so he had a fairly good idea of the area, and I feel that they both will make good workmen, but it seems as though they have both lost their Social Security number. The company arranged to have their numbers secured for them and be sent to them so they will be on the pay roll.

These men will be working 48 hours a week at \$1.75 an hour, time and half over 40 hours, which should bring them in \$103.00 a week income each.

If you give any publicity to this operation, be sure and bring out the fine cooperation which we have received from the Labor Local #348, Pasco, as well as the cooperation of the Atkinson and Jones Construction Company in North Richland.

Yours truly,

Fred L. Houston, Mgr.
Pasco, Washington

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