

June 8, 1959

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Dear Friends:

I assume you received a letter from General Louis Truman informing you he had accepted the invitation to come to the White Swan celebration on Monday, July 6. I think that is very good news.

I have been wondering how your plans have been coming on. And now that he has written, if you have started making a "necktie," of beads, using or copying the Fourth Infantry Patch, in green, he gave you. You should also make or have made a small beaded bag using this same patch or design on it, to give to Mrs. Truman.

I think every effort should be made to get men who have been in the army, veterans, to come out that night and give a special dance for him. This dance should start at 8 o'clock so it will not be too late. His letter says he is coming about 1 or 2 and will leave that evening.

You should also arrange a special place for him to eat. I don't know how many people he will have with him, but perhaps his wife and Maj. Jim Cherry from the Yakima Firing Center. I plan to come down of course and I am writing Frank and Rex Buck andobby Tomanawash and Harry Wynn, the Priest Rapids family, to come over and meet him. There should also be a dance for boys and girls that night as they would be interesting for him. It wouldn't be necessary to put up a special tepee, as he said he wasn't going to stay during the night, but you could turn over one of your tepees to him for a while, while he is there.

I haven't heard from Ki, but will talk to him and see what he thinks about the special dance for veterans.

You may remember the letter to him said you wanted him to come and be entertained by things going on, not to come and entertain you people.

I think it might also be nice if you and Ki could talk things over and get two Indian names, one for his wife and one for him. Something like "Strikes Like Lightning," or "Fast Like Lightning," would be a good name. The men and units he commands are a fast moving, heavy striking bunch with atomic weapons, planes, big tanks that travel around the hills 40 and 50 miles an hour. Talk to Ki about this.

Hope your plans are working out well. Next time you are in town, let me know.

Sincerely

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