DISTRICT OF GRAN EPHRATA, WASHINGTON F. WM. ARLT, PRESIDENT WILLIAM SCHEMPP, SECRETARY
GEORGE SCHUSTER, COMMISSIONER P. O. BOX 878 PHONE 4-3531 G. A. SMOTHERS, MANAGER February 16, 1953 Mr. Click Relander Route 3, Box 146 Yakima, Washington Dear Mr. Relander: Thank you for your letter of January 24th, calling our attention to the Wanapum Indians and their interests along the Columbia River in the vicinity of Priest Rapids Dam Site. Our plans regarding a dam at Priest Rapids are in the very early stages, and it is not yet certain that we will be able to build a dam at that site, or if we do, how extensive it will be. Various plans are under consideration. Before any definite plans are made, and any actual start is made on the dam, we will contact the Wanapums in an attempt to come to a settlement that will be agreeable with them. Sincerely yours. F. W. Arlt President FWA:m



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P. O. BOX 878 PHONE 4-3531

July 28, 1954

NEWS RELEASE CANCELLED

Gentlemen:

July 27, 1954 we mailed to you a statement headed "STATEMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF GRANT COUNTY, WASHINGTON, BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE POWER COMMISSION, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, July 30, 1954." This statement was marked "Hold for P.M. Release Friday, July 30, 1954."

Notice has been received from the Washington State Power Commission that their public meeting of July 30, 1954 has been indefinitey postponed. Therefore please do not, repeat, not release the statement we mailed you yesterday. The statement may be used for background material. We hope the cronological series of key events in the development of the Priest Rapids project attached to the statement may be helpful to you in reporting the Priest Rapids story.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,

E. L. Douglass

Auditor

ELD:m

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P. O. BOX 878 PHONE 4-3531

January 17, 1955

Mr. Click Relander 1212 North 32nd Avenue Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

I have just finished talking to Dr. Osborne, at the University of Washington, regarding his proposed trip to Whale Island.

We are to meet in Vantage on Friday the 21st, about noon, have a bite of lunch and proceed down the east bank of the river to the Priest Rapids Dam site. I will send word to our boatman to meet us about 1:30 to take us out to the island.

Dr. Osborne plans to contact you Thursday evening. I hope you will be able to accompany him on this trip.

Yours very truly,

Kenneth J. Crow

Power Use Consultant

KJC:g



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May 18, 1955

Mr. Click Relander Yakima Daily Republic Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

I am in receipt of a Summary Report on the appraisal of Archeological Researches Priest Rapids Reservoir prepared by the Smithsonian Institution. I note that this report indicates several explorations within the area which we consider to be the ancestral home of the Wanapum people.

Since it is our desire, and since we are also directed under the terms of our Preliminary Permit, to protect the interests of these people, I should like to discuss this report first with you and then with representatives of the tribe to determine how much, if any, salvage we should permit. I feel that the Indians have the right to indicate their desires in the matter, and I feel that we, as sponsors of the project, have the responsibility that those desires are carried out insofar as possible.

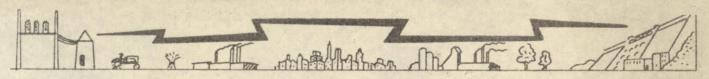
Will you let me hear from you at an early date?

Sincerely,

G. A. Smothers

Manager

GAS:m



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September 15, 1955

Mr. Click Relander 1212 North 32nd Avenue Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

I have heard nothing further from the Federal Power Commission concerning the Interior's report in connection with the Wanapum Band. I did get an indication at a fish meeting in Seattle that there might be some influence being brought to bear from that source to inject an Indian problem into the Project. However, I will watch it very closely and keep you informed.

I certainly appreciate the help you have given us in this, and I will feel free to call upon you for further comments if it becomes necessary.

Best Regards.

Sincerely,

G. A. Smothers

Manager

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P. O. BOX 878 SKYLINE 4-3531

October 14, 1955

Mr. Click Relander Republic Publishing Company Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

Enclosed please find a copy of the artist's sketch on Priest Rapids dam which may be useful to you for future publicity.

Lew Garbutt wrote, asking if we would have a scale model which could be used for display purposes, and I advised him we would not, but told him of this picture, and that he might be able to have it photographed and enlarged for display purposes, so you may hear from him.

Sincerely,

G. A. Smothers

Manager

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P. D. BOX 878 SKYLINE 4-3531

January 10, 1956

Yakima Daily Republic Yakima, Washington

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a news item and picture with caption pertaining to the Priest Rapids Project.

Yours very truly,

Kenneth J. Crow

Power Use Consultant

KJC;s Encs.

For Release Thursday, January 12, 1956

P.S.

Click.

Axel Strom and myself plan on being in Jakema thursday. Cauld you have bench with eve? will give you a Call as soon as we get in.

Ken

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February 17, 1956

(Copy of a letter sent to all general contractors who hold plans for Priest Rapids.

Perhaps you would like to have this information for your files.)

Re: Priest Rapids Project Columbia River, Washington

Gentlemen:

A complaint has been filed in the Grant County Superior Court by Bogle, Bogle and Gates, Seattle attorneys, who represent Mr. Paul G. Ellis, a Grant County contractor and tax payer. This complaint alleges that the District is proceeding illegally in the matter of the construction of the Priest Rapids Development.

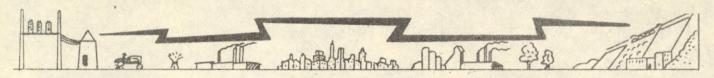
Obviously the District and its attorneys and engineers have investigated all matters alleged in the complaint long ago, and have determined to their satisfaction that the District is legally competent to build the Project, and that it is proceeding in a considered and conservative manner in the matter of marketing power and developing the facility. We have many reasons for this conclusion, some of which are as follows:

- 1. The State of Washington Supreme Court, in the case of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County vs. The Washington State Power Commission, et al, 46 Washington, 2nd, 223, has already held that Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County has a legal right to construct the Project.
- The Federal Power Commission, after full consideration by its highly competent legal counsel, came to the conclusion that the District had the legal right, under Federal and State

laws, to construct the Project. If the Federal Power Commission had any doubts, it would not have issued a license to the District.

- 3. The eminent legal firm of Wood, King and Dawson, of New York, recognized as the leading municipal law firm in the country on such matters, has rendered a written legal opinion which states that the District has the legal right to construct the Project.
- 4. The Congress of the United States, after the highly qualified legal staffs of both the House and the Senate had gone over the enabling legislation, HR 7664 (Public Law 544, 83rd Congress), passed the law and specifically named the District as an agency eligible to construct the Project. Had there been any doubts as to the legal right of the District to construct the Project, the District would not have been named as an eligible Licensee. It is important to note that the District was the only agency specifically named in the act as an eligible Licensee. The following is the language of the act of Congress:
 - "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Flood Control Act of 1950 * * * * * is hereby modified to permit the development of the Priest Rapids site by Public Utility District No. 2, of Grant County, Washington, or such district or its successor in combination with such other utilities as it may legally affiliate with or by any division, sub-division, agency, or commission of the State of Washington under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a license duly issued pursuant to the Federal Power Act and in accordance with this Act."
- 5. The modification of the Flood Control Act of 1950 to allow Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County to construct the Project under a Federal Power Commission License was an important precedent, and had been deliberated upon by the Administration and by Congress for about a year and a half. All of the substantial questions raised by the above suit of Mr. Ellis were fully considered by responsible persons in Congress and in the Administration; and it was decided that Grant County

February 17, 1956 Page 3 Public Utility District was legally qualified to construct the Project and that it could finance and carry the Project to a successful conclusion. It is alleged in the complaint that the Commissioners of the District "have proceeded on a fundamentally wrong basis, and have acted arbitrarily and capriciously in determining that the District shall construct the Project." Certainly the Commissioners cannot be said to be acting arbitrarily and capriciously when they are only doing that which has already been approved by Congress, the National Administration, the Federal Power Commission, and the Supreme Court of the State of Washington. In fairness to you we feel that you should be informed of the facts outlined in this letter, but we do not feel that we should let the matter of the pending lawsuit interfere with our previously stated schedule of the Development, which involves the opening of the bids on March 12, 1956 and commencement of construction by July 1, 1956. We will, of course, exert every effort in the courts to remove or settle allegations set forth in the complaint as soon as possible, in order that the necessary financing can be done in advance of contract awards, as is stated in our paragraph of intent in the construction documents. We hope that we may look forward to receiving your bid on March 12, 1956. Yours very truly, G. A. Smothers Manager GAS:m



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April 10, 1956

Mr. Click Relander 1212 North 32nd Avenue Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

I was glad to get your letters of March 15th and 29th, and to learn that the "drummers and dreamers" are coming along so well.

I was quite interested in your comments regarding the Monitor program. I hope that we will have something tangible for them in the near future.

I am going to be back in harness again next week, I think, and we will continue our negotiations for power contracts on the Project. We should be able to move forward fairly rapidly.

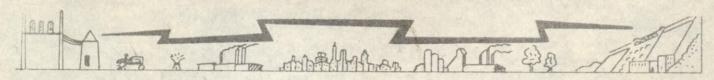
Thanks again for your letter.

Sincerely,

G. A. Smothers

Manager

GAS:m



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P. D. BOX 878 SKYLINE 4-3541

June 6, 1956

Mr. Click Relander 1212 North 32nd Avenue Yakima, Washington

> Re: Priest Rapids Project Columbia River, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

The enclosed letter to Mr. Arthur was returned to us for insufficient address. Inasmuch as his correspondence to us was mailed in an envelope bearing your name and address, we would appreciate it very much if you would forward the enclosed letter to Mr. Arthur.

Yours very truly,

or R. R. Ries

Chief Engineer

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P. D. BOX 878 SKYLINE 4-3531

June 27, 1956

Mr. Click Relander 1212 North 32nd Ave. Yakima, Wash.

Dear Click:

Received the good news about your book, and will be glad to help out in any way I can. I haven't talked to Snyders yet, but I am sure we can arrange a luncheon meeting for Friday, October 19. I have made a note of that date on my calendar, and also have written a reminder to myself to publish a picture of Puck Hyah Toot in a local paper a few days in advance of your visit. (We have one of Puck Hyah Toot taken when he addressed the PUD commissioners.)

Also, I'll get both brain cells to working and will try to figure out some dignified promotional stunts to use this fall. Any small reminders to keep the book in front of the public will help.

I don't know when we will have our ground breaking ceremony for Priest Rapids, but it probably won't be until at least September or October, after the contractor has built the access road from Beverly. Of course we expect you and the Wanapums to be there for the ceremony. We expect to make the formal construction contract award about July 9 in New York as soon as the bonds are signed and delivered. Construction work on the roads will start immediately afterward. Because the actual starting date was uncertain we were unable to plan an official ground breaking ceremony for that time, but decided it probably would be better to wait until a good road was built to the site, restrooms were available, etc.

I'll keep you informed when we select a date for the ground breaking.

You've done a grand job of planning on the promotion of your book. The title is highly appropriate and unexcelled as an "interest catcher." From what I've read of your articles I know the book is going to be darned interesting reading---so I'm putting in my order at Snyders today.

I've noticed that in your feature articles on the Indians you are able to transmit to your readers the dignity; rich, colorful phrasing and the simplicity of the River People. Only one who has spent many years with his subject can do this. An amateur who tried to reproduce some of the Indian speeches or give an authentic description of some of their customs and traditions would fall flat on his face.

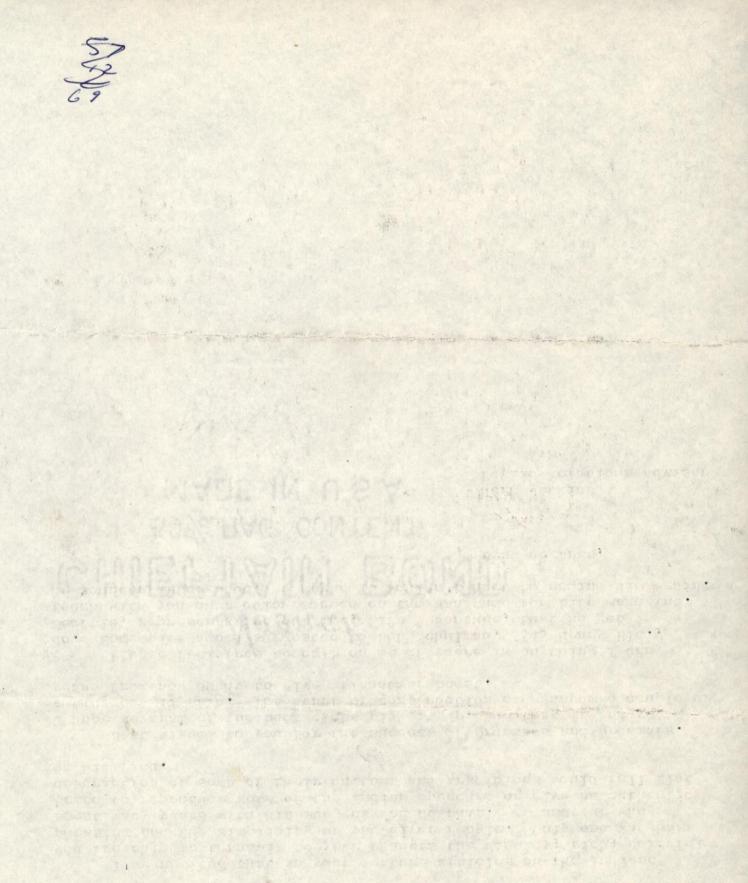
Best wishes to you for the success of Drummers and Dreamers. I hope several of the book clubs pick it up, and that it enjoys a wide public sale. The start of construction of Wanapum a couple of years from now ought to give it another boost.

Please feel free to call on me if there is anything I can Some time ago I suggested to Bob Schulman, 5545 Henry Bld., Seattle, representative of Time, Life & Fortune, that he get in touch with you on a color spread on the Wanapums for Life magazine. He sounded interested, so maybe it wouldn't hurt to remind him again.

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Best regards,

Herb Jenkins Public Relations Advisor





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August 10, 1956

P. D. BOX 878 SKYLINE 4-3531

Mr. Click Relander 1212 North 32nd Ave. Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

Your letter arrived almost as I was high-tailing it out the door to start a week's vacation. Thanks for remembering me with a review copy. I'll still leave my order at Snyder's and send the extra to a friend with the expectation he will talk up the book and sell some more copies.

We're still planning on a luncheon for you and the Indians on October 19. I just checked my calendar again to make sure I had it written down. Will have the local radio station, two local dailies (one a mimeograph) and Moses Lake daily represented at the luncheon, as well as the Wenatchee Daily World local man. I'll see what I can cook up for that evening.

Axel is looking forward to your letter, and also says the first time he is down your way he will drop in and see you.

Best wishes again for the success of your book. And as I said before, I hope several book clubs pick it up. Also, it seems to me it would be a grand subject for an historical movie.

Yours,

Herb Jenkins



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P. O. BOX 878 SKYLINE 4-3541

August 14, 1956

Mr. Click Relander 1212 North 32nd Avenue Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

Please accept my apology for not answering your letter sooner but I just returned from a trip back east then came down with a good summer cold.

The information you sent relative to your new book is extremely interesting and I am looking forward to seeing you regarding your scheduled tour to promote this book.

I will be in Yakima this Thursday morning and will stop by to see you at that time.

Yours very truly,

Axel E. Strom

Director of Utilization

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P. O. BOX 878 SKYLINE 4-3541

August 22, 1956

Mr. Click Relander 1212 North 32nd Avenue Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

I am enclosing for your information a letter from the National Park Service, and our reply to them. It appears that they have a legal problem which may prevent them from getting into the picture very early in the game. If we should disregard the Pit House area, there would be little urgency for work until next Spring. I am also sending Dr. Osborne this same information.

As to the cabin at the Figure 2 Ranch, I have not had occasion to investigate this. The next time we are in the area, we will have a look at it and give some consideration to whether it is movable or not. There is no plan for activity at the Figure 2 Ranch which would disturb this relic at least for a year, so this should give us plenty of time for a decision.

I have not contacted Dr. Osborne since our meeting in Seattle. He has furnished me additional maps which we are copying onto our own. I will try to contact Dr. Osborne today relative to Mr. Campbell and I think in this case Dr. Osborne will have to make his own decision.

Sorry to hear about Puck Hyah Toot, but hope he can survive until we can locate him at Priest Rapids. The plans for the Indians and their houses are a little muddled at this time due to working out arrangements with A.E.C.; also, hiring more personnel on the river is pretty slow at this time.

Glad you had a good trip to the river, but sorry that Max and I were both gone to Hells Canyon at the time.

Sincerely,

R. R. Ries

Chief Engineer

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In reply refer to: 17427

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

REGION FOUR

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Air Mail

August 13, 1956

Mr. R. R. Ries, Chief Engineer Public Utility District of Grant County P. O. Box 878 Ephrata, Washington

Dear Mr. Ries:

We have received your letter of August 10, addressed to Regional Historian Hussey, concerning the urgency formulating a plan of action for archeological salvage in the Priest Rapids Reservoir area, Washington. We have also received a letter from Dr. Douglas Osborne, of the University of Washington, on the same subject.

Unfortunately, we apparently cannot give an immediate answer in this matter. As you are aware, the Federal Power Commission license for this project provides for financing the salvage archeology through funds to be made available by the Utility District to the Secretary of the Interior, but a question has been raised as to the authority of the Secretary to accept money for such purposes. It had been our hope that clarification of this point could be obtained by Congressional action, but this objective evidently was not achieved at the session just ended. Therefore, we shall have to ask our Washington Office to consult with the Federal Power Commission concerning the next step to be taken.

Until we receive a reply we do not believe a meeting between you and Dr. Hussey could be particularly fruitful. We recognize the importance of prompt action, particularly as regards the archeological sites near the dam location, and we hope that we shall be in a position to give a definite reply shortly.

Sincerely yours

Forr G. Yager

Regional Chief of Interpretation

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[Enclosure. 1956, Aug. 22]

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT OF GRANT COUNTY



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P. O. BOX 878

August 21, 1956

Mr. Dorr G. Yeager Regional Chief of Interpretation United States Department of the Interior National Park Service, Region Four San Francisco, California

Re: Your Ref. L7427

Dear Sir:

We appreciate your letter concerning the problem confronting the service in handling the funds in relation to Priest Rapids Archaeology. We assume the problem is one for which we may expect an early decision. We can only emphasize the urgency of a decision so that the desired work can be carried on ahead of the construction schedule. Fortunately, very little is involved in the early excavation work, but we do hope to have a plan developed to care for the work area proposed next year.

If we can supply any information which will be of help to you, please let us know.

Yours very truly,

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R. R. Ries

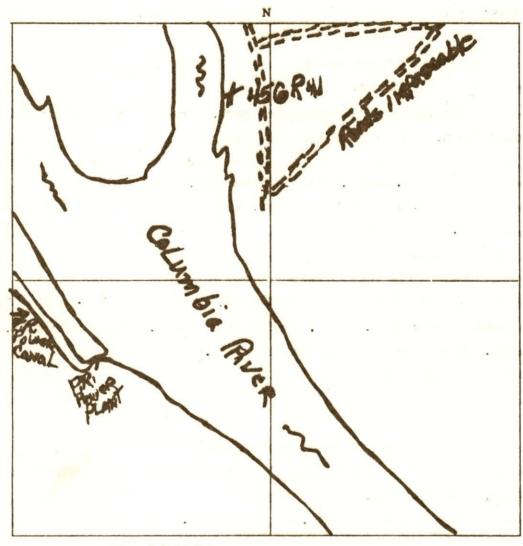
Chief Engineer

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RIVER BASIN SURVEY

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Owner	and address N. and L. Clerf,	Ellensburg, Washington
Previou	s owners A.J. Splawn, earli	est, and others
Tenant	Mr. Earl Jesser	
	ants none	
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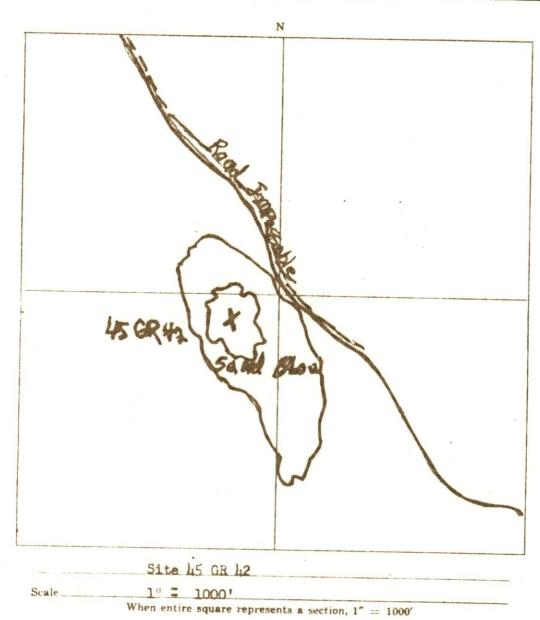
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- 22. Approach to site: Follow state secondary road east of Columbia R. south of Vantage through town of Beverly, south to "Figure 2 Ranch." Follow road south of Fig. 2 Ranch buildings for 3 miles until Priest Rapids power plant is sean across river. Walk directly towards power plant until river is reached.
- 23. Remarks: These pits unusual because of lack of defined cultural depth. Five pits observed, test pits dug in two of them.

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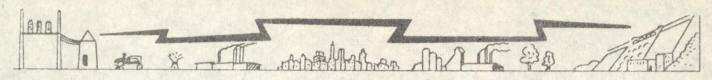
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M	ap reference USGS Priest Rapids 2. Type of site Open sand blow
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Ow	vner and address L. and N. Clarf, Ellensburg, Washington
Pre	evious owners A.J. Splann and others
Te	mantMr. Earl Jesser
Inf	ormants DODE
Pre	evious designations for site DODA
Sit	e description Along sandy blow, bottom of intermittent shallow lake. 500 yds
Lon	g by 200 yds wide
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22. Approach to site: See description for site 45 Gr 41, do not cross/river from end of road south of Fig. 2 Ranch. Walk half mile SE of bench Mark 456.

23. Remarks: An interesting site because of the large number of old rifle shells, most of them military calibers, early Springfield, etc., Possibly a rifle range for early contingent of soldiers. At times this site is flooded by waters from intermittent slough.



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P. O. BOX 878 SKYLINE 4-3541

September 4, 1956

Mr. Click Relander The Yakima Daily Republic Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

Upon my return from vacation I find your letter of August 21st on my desk. Previously I had talked with Ken Crow and asked him to contact you regarding the information that you had requested. I hope this was satisfactory.

The next time I am in Yakima I will let you know before hand as I would like very much to have a visit with you.

Sincerely,

Axel E. Strom

Director of Utilization

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"WE OF THE GRANT COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT WERE AMAZED TO HEAR GOVERNOR ARTHUR B LANGLIE CLAIM ON A RECENT TELEVISION PROGRAM THAT IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR HIS LEADERSHIP GRANT COUNTY WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BUILD THE PRIEST RAPIDS DAM" GLENN SMOTHERS, MANAGER OF THE GRANT COUNTY PUD, SAID TODAY.

OF PARTY AS JUST A PART OF CAMPAIGN ORATORY BUT IN _
THIS CASE WE FEEL WE OUGHT TO GET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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SMOTHERS SAID.

THE SHORT SMOTHERS SAID. THE DOESN'T SEEM TO REMEMBER THAT WHEN WE WERE ASKING HIS SUPPORT AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE TO GET FEDERAL ENABLING LEGISLATION PASSED HE TOLD TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUD IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE DAVENPORT HOTEL IN SPOKANE THAT HE WOULDN'T LEND HIS NAME TO A LOST CAUSE.

REPORTERS HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GRANT COUNTY PUD

COULDN'T POSSIBLE BUILD PREIST RAPIDS DAM, REMARKING THAT

WHILE HE WAS INTERESTED IN THE GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT OF

POWER, WE (THE PUD) WERE GETTING A LITTLE TOO FAR INTO THE

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GRASSROOTS," SMOTHERS SAID.

Q "THE STATE POWER COMMISSION, APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR
LANGLIE CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PRIEST
RAPIDS DAM BY THE GRANT COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT,
AND CONTINUED ITS OPPOSITION UNTIL THE STATE SUPREME
COURT ENJOINED IT FROM FURTHER INTERFERENCE," THE GRANT
COUNTY PUD MANAGER SAID.

THE COMMISSION AND STAFF OF THE GRANT COUNTY PUD
FEEL WE ARE BUILDING THE PRIEST RAPIDS DAM IN SPITE OF
GOVERNOR LANGLIEVS OPPOSITION, RATHER THAN BECAUSE OF ANY
LEADERSHIP HE CLAIMS, "SMOTHERS STATED="
HERB JENKINS GRANT COUNTY PUD==

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INDICATION OF GOVERNOR LANGLIE'S CONSTRUCTION OF PRIEST EFFORT OF DAM WAS AN RAPIDS PRIEST RESOURCE, HE ALSO STATED ADVERSE OWER QUESTION PRIEST HUNTER'S DECISION SUPREME COURT" SMOTHERS SAID UNUSUAL FOR WAS A

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TO COMMENT ON A COURT DECISION BEFORE IT WAS MADE" =



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G. A. SMOTHERS, MANAGER

EPHRATA, WASHINGTON

P. D. BOX 878 SKYLINE 4-3531

September 26, 1956

Mr. Click Relander Yakima Republic Yakima, Wash.

Dear Click:

Caxton sent me a review copy of Drummers and Dreamers yesterday and I have been fighting off the rest of the PUD ever since to try to get a look at the book. I had to go to a meeting last night, so didn't get to read it, but plan to read it tonight and write a review which I will send to all county papers.

From just glancing through the book I can see you have done a grand job. No matter where I opened it, I just couldn't stop reading. Your selection of material is great and you've treated the whole story in a very sympathetic yet graphic way. I predict a record sale for Drummers and Dreamers.

I was just going through my pile of newspapers to get them ready for the gal to clip and I found again a 4-col picture and story on the front page of the Wenatchee World--"Thus did they honor him"--telling of Puck Hyah Toot's funeral. My only comment is the highest compliment one newspaperman gan give another---I wish I had written it. I'm keeping the article in my permanent collection as an example of the type of writing an old-time reporter can do. I don't want to embarrass you with extravagant praise but, darn it, that article is a classic.

We're looking forward to your visit in Ephrata. Keep us informed if there is any change of plans.

Cordially,

Herf.

Herbert Jenkins

Public Relations Advisor

September 26, 1956

The Caxton Printers, Ltd. Caldwell, Idaho

Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for sending me a review copy of Click Relander's "Drummers and Dreamers." I haven't been able to get it away from the other people in the office long enough to read it, but I intend to do so tonight and write a review which I will mail to all county papers and some others. I will send you clippings of the reviews.

From just glancing through the book I can see that Click has done a grand job. No matter where I opened the book, I just couldn't stop reading. He treats his material graphically yet sympathetically, and leads the reader along at top speed. I know of no other writer who is so well qualified, both in background and writing ability, to publish such a book. You can be assured that every detail has been verified.

My congratulations to your firm on the very attractive jacket and the binding. The choice of type face was excellent, and the book fairly begs to be read. I predict a wide sale.

Thank you again for remembering me.

Yours very truly,

Herbert Jenkins Public Relations Advisor



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EPHRATA, WASHINGTON

P. O. BOX 878 SKYLINE 4-3531

October 8, 1956

Mr. Click Relander 1212 North 32nd Ave. Yakima, Wash.

Dear Click:

Enclosed is a copy of my review of Drummers and Dreamers, which I am sending to 12 newspapers in this county and in Central Washington. If any of the papers use it I will send you a clipping.

You've done a grand job. I felt inadequate to try to capture the true flavor of the book in my review---but I did my durnedest.

We'll turn loose stories on your visit in next week's papers and on the radio. We're all looking forward to seeing you.

Cordially,

Herb Jenkins

Public Relations Advisor

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October 8, 1956

Mr. J.H. Gipson, Sr. Caxton Printers, Ltd. Caldwell, Idaho.

Dear Mr. Gipson:

Enclosed is a copy of my Review of Drummers And Dreamers, which I am sending to 12 newspapers in this county and in Central Washington. If any of them use it I will send you a copy.

Click Relander will be here on Oct. 18 and 19 and we will release a story on his visit next week.

Congratulations again on an excellent book.

Yours very truly,

Herbert Jenkins Public Relations Advisor "DRUMMERS AND DREAMERS"
By Click Relander
Caxton Printers, Ltd.
Caldwell, Idaho
(Reviewed by Herb Jenkins)

"Drummers and Dreamers," the story of the last of the Wanapum Indians living in the Priest Rapids area along the Columbia River, has all the sweep and surge of the mighty river which serves as its setting.

Click Relander, Yakima newspaperman, graphically traces the history of the once-proud band of Wanapums that numbered some 3,000 members at the time of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, down to the present day when less than eight members survive.

The book is written in vivid, colorful language, fast-paced and authoritative. It contains no mythical characters or fictionalized plot, but the very impact of the unfolding events pulls the reader along from the opening line to the last page. The story of creation, the ancient rites, the love of the Indian for his native land - all are told in the flowing, picture-studded language of the Red Man.

Few, if any, men are as well qualified as the author to write the story. For years he has been an intimate friend of the Wanapums and other Indians. He has helped them with business advice, written letters for them, and visited in their homes. Puck Hyah Toot, the headman of the Wanapums, honored Relander by calling him Now Tow Look, his brother, and disclosed to him the mysteries of the past so the Wanapums would not become a forgotten people. This, coupled

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with Relander's extensive study of Indian lore of the Pacific Northwest,

Local readers will be interested to learn of the measures being taken by the Public Utility District of Grant County, builders of the Priest Rapids and Wanapum dams, to protect the interests of the River People. The ancient cemetery has been fenced to keep out violators and curiosity seekers. So far as possible, the picture rocks on an island which will be flooded by the Priest Rapids reservoir will be moved to safety on the river bank. Also, a Wanapum Indian will be employed during construction of the Priest Rapids Dam to make sure that his tribe's relics will be preserved.

has resulted in a well selected, carefully documented story.

Relander says in the book, "In all ways the Grant County Public Utility District showed a willingness to befriend the few Wanapums who had known few friends."

(The Wanapums have been very fair in their attitude toward building the Priest Rapids Dam. They said they regretted having to move their ancient meeting place but they realized that progress was inevitable, and they would not attempt in any way to halt construction of the dam.

In appreciation of the cooperation of the Wanapums the upper dam has been named Wanapum.)

"Drummers and Dreamers" contains 51 photographs. Caxton

Printers have produced an excellent book with an attractive binding, well

arranged, with a very legible type face.

We predict an exciting evening's entertainment for any reader interested in the pageantry and drama of the Old West.

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EPHRATA, WASHINGTON

P. O. BOX 878 SKYLINE 4-3541

October 30, 1956

Mr. Click Relander 1212 North 32nd Avenue Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

I missed the Monitor TV program yesterday, but will check the TV again next Sunday, November 4th, just in case that is the date.

I will check at the Bell, the Twin Cafe, Crossroads and every other place I think you might have been and will try to locate your envelope for you.

Just got a letter from J. H. Gipson of Caxton this morning and he said he was glad to hear your trip to Ephrata was so successful. He said, also, "While we worked hard on Drummers and Dreamers, the author, of course, is entitled to the credit. He did do a tremendous job."

Am just leaving to take some construction pictures, so will have to make this short. Will let you know how I come out on trying to locate your papers.

Cordially,

Herbert Jenkins Public Relations Advisor

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October 30, 1956

Mr. Thomas K. Yallup Yakima Indian Agency Toppenish, Washington

Dear Mr. Yallup:

I appreciate my visit with you yesterday and also wish to acknowledge receipt of your Son's Application for Employment.

As I indicated to you yesterday, at the present time we are not adding materially to our inspection force, and most of the requirements for this group are people with technical training.

Wilford's application will be held by us, and if an opening for work within his training comes up, he will be considered.

As I explained to you, the large group of employees for this Project will be hired by the Contractor, and thus, through union offices. The present arrangement for this is as follows: carpenters and plumbers are hired out of Yakima; laborers, operating engineers and teamsters out of Moses Lake; electricians out of Wenatchee, and iron workers out of Seattle. Mr. Relander tells me you have a number of young men qualified for union employment, and this information should be a guide to them as to where to apply.

As other information becomes available to us we will keep you informed.

Yours very truly,

R. R. Ries Chief Engineer

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EPHRATA, WASHINGTON

P. D. BOX 878 SKYLINE 4-3531

November 5, 1956

Mr. Click Relander 1212 North 32nd Ave. Yakima, Wash.

Dear Click:

Ehclosed is a set of pictures of your visit here on October 19, 1956.

I talked to Mrs. Cull White and she said she mailed you an envelope of papers that you had left at her store when you were here.

I hope that the sale of "Drummers And Dreamers" is still going strong. It's a grand book, and I've heard a lot of favorable comment on it.

Cordially,

Herbert Jenkins

Public Relations Advisor

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P. O. BOX 878 SKYLINE 4-3541

November 8, 1956

To the Editor:

Enclosed is some material on the Priest Rapids Dam which you might like for your files.

Mr. Smothers' article was only released locally and this is the first time it has been given general circulation. The article on the "Hardhats" was held over for release as of this date.

If at any time you need additional information on Priest Rapids, or would like to visit the Development, please feel free to call on us.

Yours very truly,

Herbert Jenkins

Public Relations Advisor

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P.S.Will send you a booklet in the near future giving the dimensions and engineering features of the dam.