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U.S. Bureau of Archives
Old Army Records Division.

Gentlemen:

I regret that I live at such a distance from the Archives that my research does not permit me to call personally.

In connection with ethnological research and production of a manuscript "Drummers and Dreamers," dealing with Smowhalla (Wanapum priest of Priest Rapids, Columbia River, Washington) I have need of any photograph you might have. It could also be listed under Smokheller. I have obtained too a copy of the only photograph Smithsonian possesses.

Subsequent to that manuscript, I am working on material dealing with Indian Wars in the Northwest (Oregon, Washington and Idaho.)

I am writing to inquire what journals, dairies or unpublished manuscripts of various officers are not indexed and available for microfilming or photostating and a rough estimate of the cost.

I have acquired a microfilm of a set of letters covering a five year period written by one of the Northwestern officers, and am desirous of acquiring additional material in similar vein.

I have a copy of Wright's topographical memoir: 35th congress, 2d series, Senate Ex. Doc No. 32 (1859) Lt. Mullan's report, both in published form.

The officers I am interested in were stationed at Fort Vancouver, Fort Dalles, Fort Cascades, Fort Simcoe, Fort Walla Walla, Fort Colville, Fort Taylor.

Below are officers, whom I believe from various references must have left journals.

Capt. James J. Archer (later Confederate General in the Civil War, Stationed at Fort Simcoe, Fort Colville, Fort Yamhill (I have microfilm of his personal letters)

Major Robert Selden Garnett, (later general (Confederate) in Civil War) Commanding officer at Fort Simcoe, Washington Territory. Went on several expeditions into the Indian country.

Lt. Frederick Dent (brother-in-law of U.S. Grant.

Colonel Edward J. Steptoe.

Pinkney

---- Lugenbeel, Stationed at Fort Colville.

Dickenson Woodruff

Charles A. Reynolds

Henry M. Black

John W. Frazer

George W. Carr

Jesse K. Allen

Anthony Heger

Henry M. Judah

Nathaniel Wickliffe

H.D. Wallen

Granville O. Haller

GOOD Rains

I have marked X opposite the names of those most likely to have left written journals.

a-would pictures of these men be available?

b-what is most economical form of copying?

c-are pictures of Fort Simcoe, The Dalles, Colville, Cascades available.

d-any pictures of troops, general scenes at the forts?

e-any pictures of ships plying from the Atlantic to the Pacific such as the Golden Age; the Oregon?

I realize these are many questions. I have several years of research on the field to combine with additional material at this time and believe it can be quite beneficial.

Sincerely

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