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The Department of Justice,
Room 2129 Department of Justice Building,
Washington, 25, D.C.

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Re; Yakima Claims/and overlapping claims

Enclosed: Typescript material from a personal repository of source material, sent because of dates, cases, names and other references noted.

These include a copy of what I believe to be the "Lang Report" dealing with the Celilo fishery. In years past I heard reference made to this report, being sought for on the Yakima Reservation and undoubtedly it was found, in official records and is now known.

Also included is a letter from the Governor of Oregon [Thayer] which states in last graph ... "I do not suppose the Yakimas have any right on the Oregon side and they should be sent away at once..."

The Lang Report and the typescript of the Executive Documents indicates something that to which no especial attention has been given.

1-The Priest Rapids, 11 miles long, were a noted fishery in the old days, one of the great four along the River.

2-Why did not the Yakimas, claiming that as their land in Case 161, resort to those fisheries in the days of trial and tribulation down around the Dalles, when all fisheries were closed out by Taylor and others? It would appear to the unschooled that the Yakimas had no interest in the Priest Rapids fishery, as a fishery. It would appear that as various Indians were "closed out" along the Columbia at The Dalles, the Yakimas moved in and took over.

This and other developing material from the microfilm, Oregon Superintenden series, are interlocked and interwoven with No. 161 in an over-all picture, I would suspect.

Sincerely

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