1212 N.32nd Ave.,
Yakima, Wash.
Nov. 18,1954

Dear Mr. Virgin:

Appended are some very sketchy notes concerning Kamiakin relationships, ones I told you I would send. I would suggest you use them for your own information and not for publication now, other very indirectly, because of tribal complications hinging on the various claims.

I have not cross checked these with other informants, but the source was a thoroughly, proven reliable relative of Kamiakin, well versed in information concerning that family.

And to assist some of the students, and for your perusal, I am sending, via express other material.

One of the girls in Mr. Beattie's class wanted information concerning Archbishop Blanchet.

I am sending O'Hara's Pioneer Catholic History of Oregon, despite its paper bound condition, a rather scarce item. Other trusted students could also have access to it.

And for the same student I am sending a part of my typescript of the very rare Historic Sketches of the Catholic Church in Oregon etc. by the Most. Rev. F.N. Blanchet. This I would suggest you give a scanning , since those writers were extremely prejudiced.

One of the boys in your class I believe wished something concerning the Rev. James H. Wilbur.

I am enclosing a rough copy of the Oregon Historical Quarterly's article on Father Wilbur and his work.

For those in extended studies concerning Fort Simcoe, and because the subject just dosen't lend itself to a clear-cut presentation in one short class period, I am enclosing:

Fort Simcoe, 1856-59, the Olaf T. Hagen report which I believe contains much good information and innumerable good citations; also a typescript

from the Yakima Republic (horrors, date not yet provided). But this was written by H. Dean Guie of our staff who has done much work on Simcoe and who is a thorough student.

For your general perusal regarding Kamiakin, or for use of your students I am sending 10 (ten) pps. in which there are occasional references.

The above mentioned items may be retained for two or three weeks.

Don't worry about their loss or destruction through extraordinary causes. If that happens, I'm ~~nnx~~ not one to care or make issue.

But I have yet to find a serious student who couldn't be trusted with material, and I feel if I can add something to a serious endeavor, that is well and good. Normal wear and tear are also to be expected.

I don't know whether these items will help at the present time or not, but if they do, and you see fit, with the students, to make a brief note reference to ~~it~~ just how beneficial they have been, that would be appreciated. I am trying to show that my historical studies go deeper than that of the normal individual, and have a file of just such little notes. Dunno what I will ever do with them, but they might come in handy.

And when time for return, pack them up and send them back express, collect or have one of the trusted students who is coming to Yakima leave them for me at the Yakima Daily Republic.

Enclosed for you in the package and for your own retention are:

Picture of Moses, L.T. Erwin and Chief Stwire or White Swan, taken about 1897 at Fort Simcoe when Erwin was Indian Agent;

A faded, but about the only one left, account of a trip with Billy Curlew.

A copy of the reference to Kamiakin in Handbook of American Indians etc.

Copy of same from the PI.

Sincerely

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