

Nov. 27, 1965

Mr. Jack Park,
Grant County PUD,
Ephrata, Wash.

Dear Jack:

A few things of interest.

1-Have been attending Indian gatherings in Lower Valley to sketch poses, get new features, typical attitudes of posture etc. and ask some questions of some of the old men about certain things. This, in relation to diorama figures.

2-Worked with Nettie Shawaway and am trying to get her to make a couple of miniature corn husk bags, root digging bags etc. She may or may not take a whack at it. New things are difficult to introduce. (Also asked her to make miniature cut outs (incomplete) moccasins.

3-Met with Rex Buck Saturday at one of the Indian gatherings. Talked to him in general terms only about dedication. Told him it was PUD "party" but was sounding him out as to his attitude. He says some kind of a religious ceremonial is proper before "unveiling" of his father's head. And in Indian custom, he has been using his father's name, Puck Hwah toot and Indians know him by that name. This might be attended to at time of First Foods Feast, normally around Easter. Frank Schappy, who was at this gathering, would probably be religious man as he does at the feasts. Will write detail proposal on this, which would be good advance "publicity" for the dedication, or if held off till night before dedication or early morning of, would give abundance of Indians of quality. For instance, saw Henry Thompson of Celilo

He is the son of Tommy Thompson or Chief Kuni. He would attend. (I would personally provide transportation, also transportation to Tommy's widow, Flora, who lives at Celilo) Henry, the successor chief there told me that in another year or so he would take his father's name of "Kuni". The little granddaughter, Linda (see book, Linda's Indian Home) about Celilo, she was a baby then, is now 14 year old high school girl at The Dalles. She is living with Flora. Henry said Flora had his father's war bonnet and other things of his father which he did not have. I think the indication was she might bring it along to "display" at the unveiling² of Tommy's head. This is done at memorial dances before dinner, someone is "hired" by the widow to wear it and parade around the dance floor. The "hiring" involves the presentation of a dollar bill or something like that.

I impressed on all of them that I was sounding them out only, that NOTHING definite was planned, that it was the FUD's program and I was only ascertaining their willingness.

The date, June 4 precedes by a week Treaty Day (June 9) celebration which is marked by some Indian celebrations in the Yakima country. Also, the annual all-Indian rodeo at White Swan, setting up big Indian village there etc. And with right handling, I think some of the Colville people, going to that, would stop off en route.

4-Should hear early in the week from Picco about templet drawing and it will be expedited.

5-Attached, a long-range plan, the general thinking of the State Parks and Recreation Commission, a 20-year plan. I would think this would be of especial interest to you in the Tour Center planning, also to Bob.

6-Attached, tear sheet from Seattle Times regarding a Seattle "dealer" in ship artifacts. Note marked reference, "Recently we sold a ship's wheel to the Navy."

7-So far, no written "authorization" for duplicate.

Detail suggestions for "Indian" participation in dedication, later

Sincerely

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