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Dr. Charles Gates,  
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Dear Charley:

The publisher, The Caxton Printers, Ltd. of Caldwell, Idaho, has advised me that you will have in your hands by September 15, a review copy of Drummers and Dreamers. The book will be released October 6.

Momentarily I don't realize how this figures with the printing schedule of the Quarterly, but I thought I should alert you to the situation.

It took five weeks of work late each night and on all weekends to work out a 10 page index from the page proofs I had with me at the board meeting, and I reached the conclusion that I'm probably not an "indexer" but I worked out my own formula as I went along: "What would I look for in a book I turned to for research purposes to find a subject?" For that matter I suspect the professionals will think I worked out my own formula with writing Drummers and Dreamers its scope and manner of presentation. Since I don't profess to be a professional I guess I can't be blamed for that. But in my own field, I endeavor to reach another readership as well, and in the long run won't that help draw more people into an interest in historical or Northwest reading?

Now that the Priest Rapids Dam is finally on the road through issuance of revenue bonds, and other delays that prevented a touch here and there on the book to forestall any complications that would jeopardize the Wanapum band, the Wanapums and I expect Drummers and Dreamers to your scholarly scrutiny, and hope you find some small interest in it. There may be a bit or so of "new" history enwrapped in the story, an occasional citation of interest or as a last resort a picture that might have some small appeal. It will speak for itself. The life of the Wanapums, years ago or now, has never been crowned with skyrocketing success and we don't anticipate that now.

Enclosed clips etc. might add a little background for your general information.

We'll be on tour, starting here Oct. 6, and will invade Seattle October 11 and 12, coming in from Tacoma where we'll be October 10.

Sincere Regards

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