

Congressman Hal Holmes,  
Fourth District, Washington.

April 6, 1953

Dear Hal:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter to Mr. John G. Brooks, Indian Service Engineer working out of the Portland area office, sent at his request after seeing me personally today on a trip through Yakima. He is not presently thoroughly familiar with the country and it was suggested by me that the maps would be helpful on a proposed trip to locate Wanapum burial sites.

The address of the PUD was included since he wished to write and determine the water level of the proposed dam.

I added to the letter a suggestion of having the Wanapums indicate areas they would consider removal to, as letter shows. I will, however, explain to these people that this is NOT the reason for the engineer's visit and for them NOT to build false hopes.

Shortly I will be able to send ethnological notes on the Wanapums, for your files, showing references and personally gathered evidence that these non-treaty people are separate and distinct people from those covered by treaty, so you can see for yourself that these people have more than "moral" right to a home along the Columbia, in time, at convenience and as matters work out.

kind regards

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