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Dear Mr. Gilbert:

I hope the Indian expedition into the project area was successfully carried out and that they were able to convey their wishes to you. Tomalawash is capable of making himself understood but sometimes lacks confidence in his ability to talk.

I sent a note and two quadrangle maps via Tomalawash and Puck Hyah Toot.

As a word of explanation, the Indians have been very helpful to me in preparing material that I have ~~submitted~~ submitted to the Department of Justice in connection with one of the innumerable claims the government is now defending.

The place names I have obtained from the Wanapums are apparently of value to the Department in defending or resisting the claims which seem to be spreading both in scope and numbers. Meanwhile, the reservation people have not relished the Wanapums imparting this information which they, the Reservation Indians desire because it was not their territory.

The burial locations, combined with the place names and village sites I have obtained, would help round out the picture, and I am sure that no security would be involved in this, if no reference is made on the maps or comments to any buildings or installations. And I am sure, too, that the Wanapums can fill me in with specific names and instances of individuals buried in certain locations, the very type of material I need to submit to the Department of Justice which has given me an authorization to obtain Wanapum "occupancy and use" material. This I send to one of the trial attorneys, Leland Yost, who in turn submits one copy to an ethnologist employed by the Department. The Department has qualified me as an ethnohistorical ~~witness~~ expert witness.

I wouldn't go to any particular trouble on the maps, but make any notes you recall, and I will take them and incorporate them with place name and village site maps of the same (and adjoining) quadrangles, which I have prepared. In other words, any additional information will be appreciated. If you have any questions etc. I shall be glad to answer them. If you care to phone me at the office, 7151, please do so collect if I can clear up anything in your mind relative to this.

Sincerely
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