

January 24, 1953

Mr. Alex Saluskin,
Chairman, Tribal Council
Yakima Agency, Toppenish.

Dear Mr. Saluskin:

In my capacity as chairman of the Fort Simcoe at Mool
(research committee)
Mool Restoration Society, I am asking you to name one or two qualified
persons to serve on the research committee.

I am now organizing that committee, selecting persons from all over the
valley to serve in the important task of gathering research information.

So far, serving on the committee, are H. Dean Guile of Yakima; Mr.
Bennett of White Swan, Dr. Recter Johnson of Yakima and possibly others.

It is the desire to expand this committee to each city in the valley.
Our duties are to:

- 1-Gather interviews and information about old Fort Simcoe.
- 2-Gather photographs of Old Fort Simcoe.
- 3-Compile a bibliography of material showing where stories, articles
etc. about old Fort Simcoe have been published and where they are
now available (in what repository, that is.)
- 4-Compile a card index of relics and artifacts relating to old Fort
Simcoe, listing the type of artifact and its repository.

I believe that one of the first gatherings of the committee, upon
sanction of the agency, will be at Old Fort Simcoe itself, early in the
spring. At that time the committee will invite various old-timers
there, and spend the day, going over the entire site, interviewing them
as to their recollection of various sites at and around the fort.
We would pair off, one person escorting a person like, for instance,
Mr. Olney, about the premises; another interviewing and writing down
recollections of another man about place names, etc.; another
inspecting the interior of the buildings and writing down

information that the visit provokes.

I believe of value to the committee would be an Indian historian who could give us any legends pertaining to the area.

All of this material will be assembled in the files of the Society to be made available as the restoration project develops.

I trust that this procedure meets with your approval and if you have any suggestions to make, please feel free to do so, or if any questions are to be asked, please give me an opportunity to answer. It would be difficult for me to arrange my schedule to call at the agency before 3:30 p.m. any afternoon. That is why I have written so completely about the aim of the research project.

When you have named one or two individuals to serve on the committee, if you care to do so, please let me know their names and addresses so I may communicate with them, or ask them to communicate directly with me.

Sincerely

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