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Mr. Peter Decker,
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Dear Sir:

By separate cover I take pleasure in sending you , for your personal collection a copy of 1855-1955--The Yakimas. I was asked to write three sections of this and edit it for the Yakima Nation, a unique situation. As you may know, the yakimas are very aloof and have consistently refused to talk to ethnologists, anthros etc. A clipping is also enclosed.

I am also enclosing an advance circular of my more pretentious book (non-vanity) in the hope you will see your way clear to order a copy or so at this time. This will enable the publisher to gain an estimation of books to be published, and will give me a good spot check.

As you probably have only occasional contact with ^Uaxtons, this ~~dealer~~ publisher gives 40 per cent discount to dealers and operates on the usual returnable basis.

Any advance order should be sent to me and it will be forwarded to the publisher. You can see fr m this I profit in no way, but this gives me a good spot check.

I am enclosing another clipping that may be of interest to you.

You will note that the book , while about an historic, nearly extinct people, is not limited to a localized situation, but is generally applicable to Indians all over. It is for that re son I am sure you will be interested in ordering a few advance copies at this time.

I have a recollection that several months ago one of my friends mentioned that you were issuing a Westerners Brand Book, or something to that effect, and that this perhaps would provide an additional medium of publicizing a work such as Drummers and Dreamers. I would be happy to receive information along that line if such is the case. It happens that while I am not obligated to "promote" Drummers and Dreamers, that anything I tie into I wish to do a good job of. Hence my extra interest.

You no doubt are familiar with Mooney's Ghost Dance Religion, BAE, and the section therein concerning Smowhala. My main source is the nephew of Smowhala. The Wanapums, moreover accept me as brother and attend their ceremonies to which even elders of adjoining tribes are not admitted.

Dr. F.W. Hodge has written the foreword. E.B. Quigley has done the four-color cover. In my estimation he is right up there with Remington and Russell. The publisher is issuing lithos of the cover (without printing) at time of publication, and at your desire, I will see that you obtain a few of these.

Sincerely Click Relander