

Mrs. Mary Avery,
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State College of Washington,
Pullman, Wash.

June 26, 1956

Dear Mrs. Avery:

Thanks for your note of June 26 regarding the forthcoming "expedition." Sorry I didn't exactly understand the situation, but that doesn't stop the Indians -- including Now Tow Look -- a bit. We never did look upon the tour as a "sales" expedition but a chance for people to meet some honest to goodness Indians with a historic background. If the book has it, etc. we won't have to worry about the results.

I've written to Mr. W.W. Shelton at the Paper House in Moscow, telling him of the day we'll be in that region, Oct. 16 and making ourselves available to him on one of the invitational appearances. I wouldn't expect that to sell many copies either, but it is the idea of getting around and making the contacts.

The problem presenting itself would be to appear at the library and there the same day. I've suggested he contact you and work out, if he is interested, the hours and the two of you would know how it would be possible. We would be available from say 10 a.m. until store closing time or what have you that evening. So I suppose if he is interested, he will be calling you. I'll have to get things lined out soon however and then keep a strict schedule.

The things that would interest people at the library besides meeting the Indians would be to see the way Puck Hyah Toot keeps his records... (See Mooney 14th Annual report, Ghost Dance, Smowhala and the part there about the mysterious little black book that Smowhala had.) Puck Hyah Toot has the same system he learned from Smowhala. This is something that isn't even told in Drummers and Dreamers. And if Puck Hyah Toot will bring along the Smowhala relics, handbell, woodenbird used on the pole and flag, that will be an additional something.

I sure don't want to "embarrass" Dr. D. or you in any way and will just have to count upon your advice in handling this. I'll send down my limited "Pullman" list, which no doubt is duplicated in those you know who would be interested. The time now will be about the only thing left I guess and you know what that should be.

Enclosed one of the Priest Kapids bond offerings. The bonds were offered on the N.Y. exchange and oversubscribed in two hours.

Kind regards to you and Dr. D.

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