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Dr. Robert H. Ruby,
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Dear Bob:

I've heard from the publisher that "review" copies of Drummers and preamers will be in hands of reviewers by Sept. 15, so presume everything is going ahead on schedule for issuance of the book, Oct. 6, as scheduled.

And I've also been busy working out a book tour with some of the Indians accompanying me. We'll leave Yakima Oct. 6, after an appearance here, and then swing to the coast before heading for Wenatchee, Spokane, Pullman, Ephrata, Moses Lake etc.

We have an appearance scheduled at the Columbia Book Store Vista Village Shopping Center, 2 to 5 p.m. on October 20. That is a Saturday and not too good a day, but we don't expect to set the world on fire, only make a few friends.

We will come in from Ephrata, and I rather suspect that the PUD will have something worked out there that evening, unless they pick Thursday evening for it. We will be at Kennewick and Pasco Thursday and could, by a long stretch of the imagination, make it on in to Ephrata.

Saturday night would be bad for anything, and unless something comes up at Moses Lake with the historical backers behind it, I don't know what could be worked out. In fact I don't know any of the "local historians" there. But I'll appreciate your moral support. Anyway I do hope you won't be called into surgery or something like that Saturday, so you can drop around and meet the Wanapums. And if that's a weekend you have a chance to get out of town on one of your trips, by all means don't think of canceling out on that account.

As you can see from the various bobbles appearing on this letter, I'm getting to the point where I'll need a rest or a break or something, and I suppose by the time we get to Moses Lake, I'll need something like a big chew of your "peyote" seeing as how you say it's not a narcotic. I think more work, letter-writing etc. has gone into D and U than any major production with which I'm acquainted. And I only hope I have enough moral resistance left toward the tail end to stand up and laugh at the professional anthros and ethnos who will just love to get out their degrees and doctorates and start hanging away at me. But the Wanapums are doing ok at Priest Rapids. None of them have accomplished anything like that.

the best to you and yours

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