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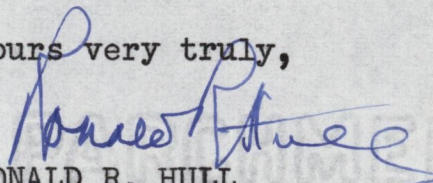
Mr. Click Relander,  
Route 3, Box 149,  
Yakima, Washington.

Dear Mr. Relander:

I have today received a reply from the Department of Game, as per copy enclosed.

Will you kindly notify Chief Johnny Buck as to its contents.

Yours very truly,



RONALD R. HULL  
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May 31, 1951

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Mr. Don W. Clarke,  
Director  
State Department of Game  
509 Fairview N  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sir:

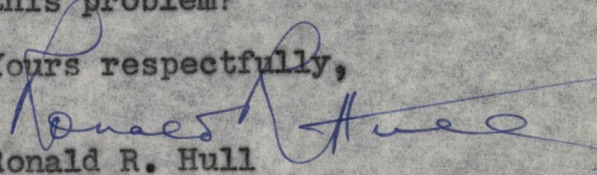
For many more moons ago than either you or I may count in the days of our existing, the ancestors of Puck-hyah-toot and others of their kindred and fellowship of the Wanapam, have ranged and hunted this area. Before there were horses to ride, they found their hunting and ranged far afoot; thereafter the length and scope of their range was encompassed only by other tribes and the advent of the white man's law.

When the federated tribes of the Yakimas treated with General Stevens and by treaty settled within confines of the reservation, the Wanapam did not recognize that action, but settled with their peoples on the Columbia, near Priest Rapids. Recently, steps have been taken to protect and preserve ancient burial grounds at that place, rightly or not, the only home known by the Wanapam.

Soon there will be a huckleberry fast, according to custom "the third week after July", for which the meat of deer or elk is essential. Puck-hyah-toot, the leader, who is responsible to his people for these things, wonders if he might have the right "to hunt for the feast only"; he knows that officially he and they are recognized merely as non-reservation Indians.

Is there a solution to this problem?

Yours respectfully,

  
Ronald R. Hull  
Prosecuting Attorney

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cc to: Chick Relander  
Box 149 Rte #3  
Yakima, WA



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November 10, 1954

Mr. Click Relander,  
1212 N. 32nd Avenue,  
Yakima, Washington.

Dear Mr. Relander:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of inquiry of November 6th.

As I understand your problem, you are particularly interested in the situation developing wherein individuals seeking and digging for Indian relics have been conducting such digging upon grounds which are known to be old Indian grave yards. As I understand, this problem has become particularly important when one considers the fact that various dams are going in in the Pacific Northwest and in our area, and, as a consequence, these present Indian grave yards will, possibly, in the future be covered by water. As a result of this, these seekers of Indian relics seem to be of the opinion that they have a right to salvage anything which might be of interest to them.

Under the laws of the State of Washington, R.C.W. 27.44.010, the mutilation of an Indian grave or cairn constitutes a gross misdemeanor. The particular statute cited reads as follows:

"R.C.W. 27.44.010. PENALTY FOR MUTILATION. Any person who willfully removes, mutilates, defaces, injures or destroys any cairn or grave of any native Indian, or any glyptic or painted record of any prehistoric tribes or people shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor."

May I take this opportunity to advise you that this office will co-operate with you and the various historic associations which are interested in protecting these Indian grave yards and cairns, and that we will upon request file the appropriate criminal proceedings.

If we can be of any further assistance to you in this matter, do not hesitate to call on us.

Yours very truly,

*Don J. Clark*  
DON J. CLARK  
Prosecuting Attorney

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THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME

509 Fairview Avenue North

Seattle 9

June 6, 1951

Ronald R. Hull  
Prosecuting Attorney  
Yakima County  
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Hull:

In reply to your letter of May 31st in which you requested consideration for possible hunting privileges for the Wanapam Indian tribe located on the Columbia River near Priest Rapids,

It would be impossible for this Department to allow this group to actually hunt deer or elk during the closed season. However, we are requesting District Supervisor Fred Van Arsdol to bend every effort possible to secure for them an elk or deer for this occasion. I trust this will fill your request.

Yours truly,

THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME

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By WALTER NEUBRECH, Chief  
Enforcement Division