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Dear Leo:

I'm dropping a personal note to you, to keep you posted on how things are blowing and if there is any bit of information in it, you are welcome to it.

The Wanapums were to have visited the Hanford-White Bluffs region yesterday with R.M. Gilbert, the agronomist, for the purpose of pointing out to the ATC specific old burial locations, large and small. I sent two quadrangle maps along, Coyote Rapids and White Bluffs with a note asking Mr. Gilbert to mark such burial locations on the map, and then in time I can take these up with Puck Hyah Toot and Tomalawash and obtain specific information to augment the memorandum from Dr. Voegelin which you sent under date of Sept. 18. I believe I can answer that quite satisfactory and in some detail, although many of the sites are covered in Wanapum MS I of which you have two copies.

I have received my manuscript from New York and it will, by the end of the week, be on its road to Paxtons again. That will leave me with a corrected copy which I shall be happy to ~~send~~ send you personally for a period of two or three weeks when you think you will have time to scan some 100,000 words. (I doubt if the reader interest will hold you through it. I may make a few corrections as to the Palouse, etc.

I was astonished to learn, through voluntary comment from Tomalawash and Puck Hyah Toot, that Cleveland Kamiakin, one of the petitioners in Claim No. 222 had visited the Wanapums in search of place names etc. He got little. I don't know what it portends but pass it on to you. I am confident, however, that the material in the Colville-Palouse report will be of greater value now than ever before if they are trying to get information and I'll bet, even money, I've more Palouse material in that report than the Palouse have themselves! You must remember that when they tell me anything like that I just say "yes," and let it go at that. In fact, Tomalawash continued by adding the information that some of their relatives by marriage had been coming around asking about place names etc. but that doesn't mean they got much information. There have been times, in the past, where I tried to get them to tell me stories etc. by getting them over to these relatives homes on the reservation, but they wouldn't go there and tell the stories with the Yakimas, their own relatives, listening in. I have always been amazed that they told me the stories but said that they were their own stories and not for the Yakimas to listen in on! Maybe that goes with my Indian name, I don't know. Tomalawash also added the information that it was none of their business because whenever they had been over visiting or at any of the Yakima gatherings, the Yakimas always told them, the people who were there from the Umatilla Reservation or the Colville reservation,

that they couldn't talk or vote because they didn't have anything to do with it and they were different people! They appear to always resent that attitude. Moreover, they ~~will~~ have told me, time after time in the past, that those people wouldn't let them fish in the "Yakima" fisheries, although in the old days they were all welcome to fish at the "anapum" places, and that didn't set well either.

I have the Yakima notes compiled. They'll run somewhere around 100 pages, but I don't have any idea about putting them into good readable shape. However, I guess you are in no hurry for them, or are you? I'm not as satisfied with them as the ~~Palouse-Colville~~ Colville-Palouse, although there may be more in them than I realize.

The answer to the Dr. Voegelin memorandum will include material up-river that would join onto the Palouse and give some definite answers to her inquiries about the Moses people.

The microfilm for which you relayed my order has arrived but the scanner is not yet here. I presume it will land about the time I get my manuscript off to Caxtons and the Dr. Voegelin material answered, through you. Then if I bump into something that looks interesting, I shall send it to be added to MS I, "anapum, MSI, Umatilla, MSI, Colville-Palouse etc. Moreover I am acquiring some military letters, microfilm, dealing with Fort Simcoe, that might be of interest.

I received a letter from Chief Tommy Thompson at Celilo yesterday, wanting me to come down and bring some spuds and oranges. I have a good start on his head and want to work on it some more, get a word list from him of several tribes, add other information. He is a good source since he and I have a good understanding about this Washat relation.

I'm enclosing a snap of the uncompleted head of Tommy that you may forward to Dr. Voegelin if you care to --another will be upcoming later---. I don't know whether you have seen him or not. He likes it and so does his wife. I think it is a good likeness, including character, etc. as well.

And again,, lest you start wondering, there was nothing involved in the preparation of the material that was sent. That's just to keep the record clear, so you won't think you are involved.

Kind regards

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