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Dear Don:

Thanks for your letter and your concise and generally unusual accurate viewpoint of the Wanapums and Relander.

We obtained nothing else in the color line Sunday because of a combination of limited Indians and limited time. (It requiring time to change into their outfits which the old man took along but we did not have time to get into.) The photog had to break loose early and come home after several black and whites. He was just back from vacation with most of his color material tied up in a special job for a Portland flower grower's catalogue, and had to get home and get to developing. But I really feel the one of the old man and I at Celilo, which need not be identified by location, will serve the purpose.

I'm enclosing a few notes that may be of help. Your material is fine, and so close that it's hard to alter, hence I add only the notes. They would serve to make it air-tight in view of any other Indian claims which I would not want to jeopardize.

Most certainly, you could add or work in the Drummers and Dreamers of Priest Rapids. I'd never have written it, done the vast amt. of research, the 120,000 words. It was the only way to get the story told. I thought I sent you a clip on that. If I didn't, it was because my correspondence caught up with me. I've got Pete fixed up with material and he's doing the end sheet. Quigley was out with me Sunday to do the jacket. He's a good friend, thank goodness, otherwise I could never get it done and I think it is going to be a honey. This isn't a "Campaign," but just a plain effort to tell these people's human story.

I enclose also a clip as result of the Sunday trip.

Congrats on the Pacific Discovery. They're a tough bunch, I know. That's a real feather in your cap.

I hope American goes on this deal, not for myself, but for the benefit of the Indians and the "advance" publicity it would give Drummers and Dreamers of Priest Rapids. I'll need every bit of help like that I can. I was lucky to get it accepted, in view of the competition. The Navajo's appropriated \$30,000 to a priest who is an ethnologist I guess, to subsidize a book which no one would



publish. And he is a recognized writer. Yet finally, I am able to get a straight royalty contract on this, which doesn't mean a damn thing as you know...maybe a few hundred dollars, spread over several years.

The government has just suggested to the Navajos that they withdraw the appropriation, because of the bearing it may have on the Navajo claim. But the point is that apparently this man would not get his book on the Navajo religion etc. published at any of the big southwest presses. It indicates that I must have a little something.

Moreover, and it is usable, the old man, the head man and the leader of the Wanapum band, Puck Hyah Toot, my source, has been made a one-third partner in this book and it is in the contract. I had it written in there after the contract was drawn. It was to show the Indians that the white man doesn't make a fortune on the Indians, and, to aid in my publicity when the book comes out--no date has been set but I don't suspect until this time next year--. His share will go into his fund to purchase, if no other means is forthcoming, some of his land back from the government. It is scab land mostly, and he could get it for maybe \$5 to \$7 an acre. If he started that here, maybe the many friends around Yakima, the old old white Bluffs, etc. would join in and give him a push. It will all be done ~~quick~~ however in a dignified manner.

Incidentally, these people have been barred from fishing at Wana Wish, ~~800~~ on the Yakima River at Benton City. They have always fished there, had a little trouble years ago and McWhorter got a bill passed permitting them to fish there. Then about three years ago someone in the bureau of fisheries killed ~~that~~ that bill and others, by number, or talked the legislature into believing they were obsolete. Then this year the Dept. sent out a new man, who cited two of them into court, they were fined, suspended because they couldn't pay, but threatened with 30 days ~~in jail~~ in jail if they resumed fishing. So now, the salmon run is ending, the people have no place to get the few fish they have always procured this time of the year to go with the potatoes later for their winter fare. Now we start all over again, find out WHO had the law killed, get things going so it may be replaced or reinstated, etc. That's a typical example of our problems.

Thanks for sending the info. It's a lot of work. If you get it over, and they pay little for the story and more for the pix, but enuf for \$25 for the photog without cutting too deep, that would be fine with the photog. Less if the pix amount is lower than you anticipated. We ain't in this for the money, but the principal of the thing.

I'll keep you posted.

Kind regards and thanks