

Congressman Hal Holmes,  
Fourth District, Washington.

Feb. 28, 1953

Dear Hal:

I have traced down the repository of some research material that ties into a continuing project, and Dean, who is still tied up handling all the editorial writing, suggested that I write to you. He had planned to but has a rather long schedule of work.

I am informed that the office of the Secretary of State has a "cannister on the Indian Wars, Washington, 1855-1860...Mr. Kenneth Gilbert is in charge. "Although it is labeled 1855-1860, it has many items of both earlier and later dates."

I am anxious to procure photostats or microfilm of the material, whichever would be cheaper or more practical from that end.

Since I do not know the amount of this material, I can only say that perhaps, if something can be arranged, it should start with the first and take in \$10 to \$15 worth. I would send the money as soon as I learn to whom it should be sent and how made out to.

Dean and I are both interested in the Indian wars material, and Fort Simcoe, and I am especially interested in Smowhala, Smowhalla, Snoheller, etc. And I am sure there are some maps there somewhere in connection with the early reservation suggestions that may have involved him. This is a part of the Wanapum study, a very complete version of which I am nearing completion.

The Fort Simcoe material is, of course, for use in connection with the restoration research. I make typescripts of the material and give

to Dean.

I am continuing to make typescripts of letters I have received in connection with the Wanapum land project and references from government publications that will be helpful, in time of giving a true account of these forgotten people, and I believe a good background on the Indian situation in general which continues to magnify.

I learn from the Indians that there are scattered people, all up and down the river, who have lost their "squatter" locations and may learn something that will be interesting to Oregon congressmen.

There's no hurry about the microfilm or photostats, and I don't want to impose in any way upon your time, but I am so far along in advanced research of this nature that I can already talk circles around some of the professional ethnologists and others who have been interested in the Indian situation. I believe I have accumulated more books, documents, typescripts etc. along that line that even some of the museums and libraries in this state.

Sincerely

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