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Dear Sir:

I thoroughly enjoyed your presentation, "Archaeological Research in the Lower Snake River "egion," at the Pacific Northwest History Conference. And in my amateur sort of way, it set me thinking about various things.

I mentioned to you afterwards my desire to obtain a few prints of pictographs or petroglyphs along the Snake (in the region from Lyons Ferry toward the Columbia) I would not need a complete set, but types, specific locations etc. These have been a kind of sideline with me, including California some 25 years ago in the Sierra Nevada foothills of the San Joaquin Valley. At this time I am interested by comparison with the Priest Rapids general location.

Besides material I can some day unearth for you, including words of the last of the people living in the region you are now working (phoastic spelling), information on games etc. from the Priest Rapids people who by language were much similiar to those on the Lower Snake, I have notes on more complete details of burials etc. from sources now dead.

I recalled too the only "buffalo" legend I have encountered and am sketching it out from the notes. This came to mind as you showed the bison bone finds and the bison "marker." I have, somewhere in the notes

now put away references to a "buffalo" or "moose" marker up in the Wenatchee country. Perhaps the picture you showed was the same.

I hope I may obtain some of the pictograph and petroglyph photos at this time and that you keep me in mind when more details are known about erection of a monument at Ice Harbor. I have also asked John Hussey to keep me posted on this. Something similar has been in the works for Priest Rapids or Wanapum Dam for some time (confidentially.)

I am appending the "buffalo" legend notes as recorded.

Sincerely

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