

April 9, 1963

Mr. Tom E. Clarke, president,
Pacific Northwest Writers Conference,
15531 N 1st N.E., Seattle, Wash.

Dear Tom:

Your letter of April 3, sent to the Yakima Tribal Office, was relayed to me in Yakima. It was a surprise, but I suppose one gets used to those kind of things where Don Clark, Lucille McDonald and Zoa Sherburne are concerned. And it was an honor to be "thought of."

I've sent you, separate mail, a copy of "Strangers on the Land," which may "disqualify" me from further consideration. There are 63,000 words in it, maybe 85,000 and the format was chosen by the tribe to present a "book" at the low price of \$2.25. It is being well received all over, especially in libraries, universities etc. Once you scan it, you can be the judge. I've other things in the mill, always of course, including pleas from a top literary agent to finish a fiction "fantasy." And I've sculpturing projects under way, place names galore (like Don C and Bob Hitchman, although not especially for publication).

I recall my appearance with the Writers Conference several years ago, I seemed to fit in several places at the last minute, not that I'm competent but I just happened to be there, I guess.

So I'll leave things to the judgment of yourself and the committee. I see no reason why I could not be there, if I knew a definite date several weeks in advance (so as not to conflict with our office vacation schedule). And I'd try my best to fill my assignment. My experience with panels (it was terrifically warm at the U the last time) is that a little before-hand rundown by the chairman makes it click.

So let me know your wishes and I'll be thinking in terms as desired. If I can help, please let me know. I think Lucille M and Don Clark have copies of "Strangers." Give me the addresses of a couple more who should have it or would appreciate it, and I'll get them from the tribe and forward them to the individuals.

Sincere Regards

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April 16, 1963

Mr. Henry W. Clark,
Vice President,
Alaska Steamship Company,
Suite 703, 1026-17th NW,
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Clark:

Mr. Tom E. Clarke of the Pacific Northwest
International Writers Conference has told me of your possible
interest in our "First People."

I am sure Alex Saluskin, chairman of the Yakima Tribal Council
and others of the Yakima Tribe would like you to have a copy of
the enclosed.

I would be appreciative of any comments you have to make after
scanning "Strangers on the Land" and the Yakimas, I know, would
be appreciative.

Sincerely

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April 16, 1963

Mrs. Marion Vincent,
Route 2, Sequim, Wash.

Dear Mrs. Vincent:

Mr. Tom E. Clarke, president of the Pacific Northwest International Writers Conference has told me of your interest in "Our First People."

Officials of the Yakima Tribe, such as Alex Saluskin, I know, would want you to have a copy of the enclosed.

After you have a chance to scan it, I would appreciate any of your comments, and the Yakimes would be appreciative of your interest. We hope you like it.

While the limited number of copies published is being disposed of rapidly, you may have an idea or so as to disposal of the enclosed promotion sheets.

Sincerely Yours

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