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Mr. J. M. McClelland, Jr., Editor
Longview Daily News
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Dear Mr. McClelland:

Your letter to Regional Historian Hussey of February 24 concerning the proposal to publish the report, Preliminary Survey of the History and Physical Structure of Fort Vancouver, arrived at an appropriate moment, since on the same day we received an answer from our Washington Office to our earlier request for advice on this matter.

Mr. Ronald F. Lee, Chief, Division of Interpretation, informs us that approval for the publication of the report by the Washington State Historical Society is granted "with pleasure." Superintendent Hjort, of Fort Vancouver National Monument, has also informed us that the Northwest Historical Association will be glad to yield its prior rights to the Washington State Historical Society in return for an agreement whereby it can sell copies of the published report at Fort Vancouver National Monument. Therefore, there appears to be no reason why we cannot proceed with the interesting and generous proposal outlined in your letter of February 2.

We will appreciate receiving your suggestions for the revision of the report. As previously indicated, Dr. Hussey's present schedule is such that, if early publication is planned, it would be desirable to keep changes to a minimum.

Sincerely yours,

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Regional Director