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Mr. Click Relander
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Dear Mr. Relander,

Dr. Gunther showed me your letter. I am quite pleased to hear that you have been interested in the Palouse Indians. It sounds as if you must have gathered a great deal of interesting and valuable information. I would appreciate looking over your chapter on the Palouse in your coming book and in learning from you the names of good Palouse informants on the Yakima Reservation.

Perhaps Dr. Gunther wrote you that I spent three weeks on the Umatilla Reservation in December. I am enthusiastic over possibilities of getting enough information for a full ethnography of the Palouse. Strangely enough, the prevailing attitude here at the University seemed to be that little information of value could be gained on the Palouse and Walla Walla at this late date. I find the situation to be quite otherwise as you must have. You mention the Wanapum in your letter. Are good Wanapum informants still available---old timers who remember living near Pasco and vicinity? I had thought there were none of them left.

My best Palouse informant on the Umatilla Reservation was Charley Johnson. Perhaps you know him. He told me about living in some of their plank fishing houses along the lower Snake.

I plan to spend about $1\frac{1}{2}$ months talking to the Indians this summer, although I am not sure yet as to the exact time. I will make it a point to write you before I come so that we can arrange a meeting. If you should happen to get into Seattle before that time I would enjoy talking with you.

My best,

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Dear Mr. Relander,

I greatly regret not being able to accept your invitation to the roots feast. I was unable to get away at the time. I was lucky enough to be able to see part of the roots feast on the Umatilla Reservation last April. It wasn't as big a success as it might have been, since the old timers objected to its being held inside the Agency Hall. Many of them did not show up at all for this reason. The younger group of Indians had gotten control and were the ones who wanted the feast held inside because of cold weather.

I certainly want to go out with you later this summer to see the dug out canoe, and other interesting things you mention. Have you received a notice of the anthropology meeting to be held May 2nd and 3rd at the University. People from all over the Northwest are attending, and I do hope you will be able to make it. Perhaps you could bring along your chapter on the Palouse at this time. I find that the Library does have a copy of Pandosy's dictionary, although I am sure it is a rare volume.

Let me know if you are coming in May and I will make sleeping arrangements for you.

Sincerely,

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