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Dear Nancy:

I've helped out so many students on little bits of Indian material I only vaguely recollect your sister.

I've tried to copy down some material from an old government report for background, and then added latter day things to give you a new idea about the Indians. And I always try and add something a bit new. This time I added some "place" names which I doubt are even generally known in your area.

There's only one clipping at hand to send, and I'm enclosing a few pictures with material written on the back to generally identify them.

The Yakima Indian subject is a large one. You should follow a "scope" or cover one field only for a good presentation, but I take it you wish to write a theme about the Yakimas generally. That is why I've given you old and new material.

I realize it is complicated, so if you want me to explain bits of it, and don't have to call long distance, call me any evening or Sundays, and if I'm not home keep trying, but I'm usually around. I could explain some things lots better. Or some things may be unclear. (G1-27448.)

About Drummers and Dreamers. I think that is out of print now. Unless publishers sell many thousands of dollars of a book each year they let it go out of print. But a month ago I received a note that the Indian Bureau and Department of Interior circularized Indian Agencies and schools and recommended it as "adult reading in all Indian schools." That means that the government, which didn't exactly like it at first, now recognizes that what it said about the future of the Indians, told through the one small family at Priest Rapids, would be true unless they slowed down on sheering off keeping an eye on them. And of course there are always the Indians, here and elsewhere, who think the government owes them a living just as there are many white people who believe that too, because they don't like to work.

I'd be interested in knowing how you come out on your paper. And let me know if I can clear up anything for you.

Sincerely

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