

George Schappy,

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Jim Schappy.

Dear friends;

I am writing to both of you because of all the work I have to do. I have also written to Puck-Hyah-Toot and Tomalawash. They are all.

A government man came by to see me about my brothers, the Wanapums. He said that in two weeks, another government man would come by, and he would want to go to Priest Rapids. He is coming for the one purpose, so see, exactly where the graveyard is. He is doing that so if people want to build a dam, the government will do what it can to keep it from interfering in any way with the graveyard.

He won't be here to talk about other things that I am working for... a piece of land where the Wanapums can have their home for all time and will never be disturbed; the graveyard fenced, and things like that.

In the case of George, whose father is buried low, or close to the river the government might offer to move everything up on the hill, but as I understand you want it left there, then he will be sure that if any construction ever starts, it won't tear up the grave. Maybe we can ask them to pour concrete all over it so it will always be there. That will be according to what you want done. I do only what you want done.

I heard you (George) were sick, but are home again. I am glad. Keep on being a strong man so you can finish telling me the story you wanted to. If you people want to meet with me again before

this man comes, I will be glad to travel anyplace and met you. If you want to go up with this man, you can do that but will probably have to drive up by yourselves. I will get a letter one day telling me he will be here the next day or a day later and I won't have much of a chance to run all of you down, but I will try to work out something if you want me to. That is up to you.

Later, because of the progress we have made, we will keep on working . Personally, I think it will be a long time before they build a dam at Priest Rapids, maybe much longer than the government thinks. Because I write them and have my friends write them that we don't want to pay our tax money for building dams, they have too many of them along the river now and now is the time to stop.

Now is the time to stop writing too. I will see you later I guess.

Sincerely

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