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TO THE

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TO THE

STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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Yakima District Advisory Committee
Yakima, Washington

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from Mrs. Ruth E. Peeler, which she has requested that I transmit to each of the members of the local committee. The Committee from the State Parks Commission will meet with the Tribal Council in the near future in order to work out the details concerning Fort Simcoe. We are greatly indebted to H. Dean Guie for his services in selling the Fort Simcoe matter to the State Parks Commission at our recent meeting in Yakima.

Mr. Purdin plans to call a meeting of the local advisory group within the near future in order to discuss local participation in the plan; however, this meeting will have to await further information from the State.

Mr. Skarra has requested that we obtain the services of the Boy Scouts in cleaning up Fort Simcoe again this spring, and that project is now under way.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. MARTIN, Secretary

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Des Moines, Wash.

March 25, 1952

Mr. George M. Martin
908 Larson Bldg.
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Martin:

Secretary

As you have served as ~~chairman~~ of the Yakima District Advisory Committee I suggest that we use your organization as a nucleus in setting up the Fort Simcoe Historical and Restoration Society. Included in this organization should be members of the Chamber of Commerce, Development Committee or Park Committee, (Mr. Gerbutt, Manager, would advise you on this), the Rotarians, Kiwanis, Grange, existing Historical Societies, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Colonial Dames. When such a group is invited to a specific meeting on this project I will come over and help with the details in setting it up. Let them know what their duties will be.

Such a move now would no doubt bring to the attention of the Indian Tribe the tremendous interest in the project. Above all, in this organization the Toppenish area, White Swan and the Indian Council themselves should be members.

I am thinking ahead, and so was the Commission when they put in the Resolution, the need for local support. There will be a time when this Commission will be replaced and we must not overlook the importance of a local "watchdog".

I am enclosing carbon copies of this to be mailed to your local Advisory Committee. Would you be so kind as to mail them out for me as I do not have their addresses.

I am very happy to hear that the boy scouts are planning their clean up program this spring.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

Ruth E. Peeler, Vice Chairman
State Parks and Recreation Commission

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CC: Mrs. Leon Hoff
Mr. Lew Gerbutt
~~Members Yakima Dist. Adv. Committee~~