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Mr. Lee L. Yost,  
Room 2129 Department of Justice Building,  
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Lee:

Enclosed is original and second copy of "Wanapum  
Categorical Answers MS 1, based on a memorandum sent you by  
Dr. Voegelin.

I believe, in the 67 pages I have answered the questions  
asked by Dr. Voegelin fairly competely, if not in all cases  
satisfactorily. Because I do not believe a clear-cut answer could  
be given to some of the questions at this late period in the "Wanapums'  
life.

The Nomenclature of place names alone covers some eighty  
sites along the Columbia River and twenty or more others. I am happy  
to say I feel confident it is the most complete ever produced or for  
that matter, ever will be produced, because it includes names known  
to certain "Wanapums and not to others. Should Mr. Gilbert, AEC  
agronomist provide me with results of a Wanapum field trip to locate  
burials, I may be able to add a few more of minor consequence.

I recall that a "Washington attorney queried Mr. Dean Guile,  
who works at my office and has some experience among Indians, including  
the Wanapums, as to Wanapum place names from Prosser, downstream and  
along the Columbia River. That was two years ago. I don't know whether  
Mr. Guile provided him with an answer or not, but if so, he knew of only  
a half dozen names. The point I would suspect is that the Yakimas,  
at that time, did not know these names or he would have obtained  
them from that source.

I must apologize that I have had to resort to my own  
ability to type the enclosed material, not being able longer to  
afford a typist, but perhaps it will be readable. But typing of this  
nature is a tiresome task for me.

I hope your visit with the ethnologists has been profitable,  
and that when they have an opportunity to scan the enclosed, you  
will find it helpful.

I am interested that you have a possible assignment  
"turning over in your mind." Some of the "Wanapums are going to have  
a tough winter, and anything that I would be capable of carrying  
out to satisfaction, would be of benefit to them.

Enclosure: original memorandum  
original Categorical  
answers; 2nd copy.

Sincere regards  
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