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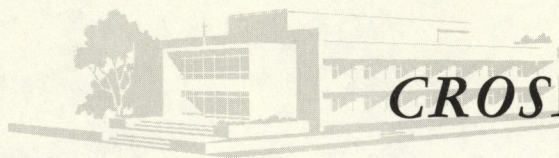
I'd like to order one copy of each of the following:  
Strangers on the Land by Chick Belander  
and 1855-1955, the Yakima. Please send  
to the Archives at this address.

May I commend you on these accomplishments, which will redound to the credit of your tribe! As archivist and custodian of one of the finest collections on Indians, I can appreciate the importance of what you are doing. Keep it up.

Sincerely,

Wilfred P. Schoenberg, S.J.





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February 13, 1963

Mr. Click Relander,  
1212 N. 32nd Avenue,  
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

We are very grateful to you and tribal officials for the Treaty booklet and the Primer, which you graciously sent us with the tribal compliments. You can be sure that these will be carefully preserved here, where they will be available for research. It is very gratifying to me, and I hope to you, that we can be of service to the Yakima Tribe, and to other tribes, by making their histories available to scholars. The obvious advantages to all are so great that we can only wonder why more of this sort of thing has not been done.

Many points raised by your kind letter intrigue me and I scarcely know where to begin. Let me start by thanking you for the letter. I find certain references to the hazards of publishing your booklets of particular interest, because I have met the same experience. We have to face it. People who publish the more serious type of booklet can expect so little notice and cooperation that they find themselves writing, editing, proof-reading, publishing, and financing their booklets, with or without the sympathy of interested parties. You should count yourself fortunate, indeed, that you have intelligent tribal officials to back you up. Apparently they understand the value of this kind of tribal activity, and they are willing, thank God, to provide you the needed opportunities for doing what you are. It may well be that the most significant tribal activities of our era are contained in the three publications which you sent us. At least the judgement of the future will be largely based on the data you have preserved. None of us should allow himself to be deluded in thinking that later generations will know all the facts of Yakima tribal history by gleaning them from the court records, the newspapers and correspondence contained in government files. While all of these are important, the chances of their being used are almost nil. I have been in archival work for at least nineteen years, and the one point that has been impressed on me is the reluctance of historians and others to use primary sources in their research. Only one out of a hundred will do it,



and the rest will depend entirely upon the books and booklets you and I turn out right now. I have commented at some length on this point to convince any members of the tribe, if need be, that the assistance they give you in this sort of work is very probably their most constructive contribution in the present age. So allow me, by praising the tribe and you, to encourage you to persevere along these lines. I heartily hope that these words of mine will bear fruit by your producing more books and booklets.

Under separate cover I am sending a couple of booklets which will possibly interest you. One, JESUITS IN MONTANA, is particularly sympathetic to the Indians' cause. I wanted it that way. It will please you to know that we have distributed about 25,000 of these, and that at the present time it is the most popular book going out of the Montana Historical Society. I will write JESUITS IN ALASKA this year, JESUITS IN WASHINGTON, and JESUITS IN IDAHO, as soon as I have the time.

Finally, I would like to comment on STRANGERS ON THE LAND. My first reaction, which is still my predominant one, was very favorable. It is very attractive. The illustrations are superb. I think you did extremely well with the format, footnotes, and so on, though I must confess that I do not like the bars at the beginning of the footnotes. So far as I can gather from the amount of text I have read, it is very accurate. For example, I was pleased to note your reference to Father Pandosy's Yakima dictionary and early printing on blocks. Not one in a thousand know about these. I have many questions about these, perhaps some day you will supply the answers. For example, do you know if any imprints from the blocks are still extant? I have never heard of any. Also, I am very interested in knowing where copies of the 1862 imprint can be found. You have brought the history of religion in very naturally, but there is not much of it. This is often neglected. I wish there was more in your booklet. In one other respect you have done very well: you have brought tribal history up to date, (more or less). This is a mistake usually made in booklets or histories of this type. All too often we think of history in terms only of the the early years, over-looking the importance of our own times and the fact our times will soon be the past.

Trusting that these remarks will be of interest to you and will help to perpetuate tribal interest in publications, I remain

Very sincerely,

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