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Dear Lee:

Enclosed is the Paiute [Piute] material promised in letter of Nev. 16. It is on loan, as a personal matter between us, and you are welcome to retain it for the length of time normally desired, or to forward it to anyone you care. Of course, i am not proud of the typing, because running through hour after hour, page after page, I didn't strive for accuracy only as pertained to dates, names etc.

I have scanned some more of the microfilm, also some obtained from another source of early army records.

Even the Colville set of films is, I believe, good material, containing as it does numerous references to Salouse, leaders, even possible regions of occupancy.

while I have enough for considerable work, I am wondering what suggestions you might have for something along the following lines:

After I hack out some of the copies so you can evaluate them, and have an estimate of the real slowness of the project, which I believe precludes the "experts" from getting into it so thoroughly, would there be any chance for a small authorization, for assistance in clerical help? This would run about like steno help. Some of the letters are in such poor handwriting that I am afraid it will take two people to wade through them, thus relieving the eye strain and reading off to atypist.

"lso, I strongly suspect that additional microfilm will be necessary of the "ashington superintendency as well as the Oregon superintendency.

I think you will be in a better position to judge, when I have worked through a part of one of the reels and forwarded copy to you. I believe you will find therein material for back up for innumerable cases, having only to read them over, see how they fit in and then mark them for such and such a file. The reel number would be on each one, making the tracing for photostat or comparative copy easy.

I have yet to type out the Yakima report which I have a start on. It will run some eighty or more pages, but I hesitate to whittle away on it until I have an estimation of the value of thatkind of material which should be available soon, on thebasis of the wanapum MSI, the Umatilla MSI, add the Colville -Palouse MSI and the Memorandum Catagorical answers MSI.

The above remarks are just some things to give you a chance to comment on.

regards

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