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Dear George (and Jim)

I thought I should write and tell you that everything is working out good at Priest Rapids regarding the graves. The people I have met with are very cooperative.

First, you should understand that they are not going to build a dam right away.

These people there now are making explorations, or advance studies. But because they will be digging around and drilling holes, and because ~~onaded~~ that they are there will cause lots of people to come in and start walking around up and down, I arranged the meeting to be sure the graves are protected.

The dam they are planning to build in several years will not cover the graveyard on the hill with water. But it will cover where your father is buried. We have talked about that before and you said you wanted him left there. So that will be done and there will be no digging around by other people. The water will come up nearly to the railroad, but not quiet. There will be material placed along there to keep things from washing away and it should cover the graves that are there by the railroad.

But if you do wish him moved, we must know right where he is. The body will be taken up and put in a box and given to whoever is responsible for it. It will be reburied on the hill or where you say. But you have told me before you wanted him left there so that is what I told these people.

You did not tell me where Shuwapso or Sowapso, the older man, was buried. Do you know? If he is buried there too, I should know just where so every precaution can be taken. He is a famous man and his place should be known. There is every guarantee of protection now and it is backed up by the government through the work I have done, so we do not have to worry about people digging him up.

I am going about now arranging to have the graveyard up on the hill

fenced so that the various engineers who will be walking around, and other people, will not be walking across the graves where the people are buried. And there are other precautionary measures that are to be taken so that every respect will be paid for the dead. It will be much better than before, where people came in, because there was no one around, and dug up things. It is much better.

Write me and let me know what you think, now that I am getting done what I promised you I would try and do when we met at Wapato and you told me what you wanted done.

goodbye for this time.

Let me ~~hear~~ hear from you

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