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Mrs. Virgil McWhorter,  
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Yakima, Wash.

Dear Mrs. McWhorter:

I am writing to ask for family permission, for use of usable material and with full credit, of material in The Papers of Lucullus Virgil McWhorter, on repository in the Washington State University Library as listed in the Catalogue prepared by Nelson A. Ault.

Such material, including possibly pictures, is needed and would be helpful in preparation of a study and writing project dealingx with the Yakima Indian Nation and the Yakima Indian Reservation.

The Yakima Indian Nation, since its formation in 1855 and as tribes and bands separately existing prior to then, has nearly constantly been under pressure for absorption. There has been "assault wave after assault wave" upon the Reservation in efforts to bring it within the category of privately owned land in the Yakima Valley, and under taxation.

The work of the late Lucullus Virgil McWhorter was notable during one of these "assaults" in arresting and delaying absorption of the Reservation. A 1962 "crisis" is that of proposed State Jurisdiction, various bills proposing sale of timbering and other tribal assets, all generally contrary to the wisdom of Yakima Tribal leaders. Observations, notes etc. of Mr. McWhorter would be very helpful in evaluating tribal history of one era with another, forces at work, recorded statements of tribal leaders of the past, etc.

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Yakima tribal leaders familiar with this research in progress join me in the hope permission may be obtained, since this work is being done in a spirit Mr. McWhorter would have appreciated, as some before his time have done and as some afterwards have sought to continue to do.

Sincerely Yours

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