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Mr. Claude M. Gray,
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Dear Claude:

Enclosed, for your guidance a copy of the Treaty with the Yakimas, negotiated the same day, June 9, 1855, as the treaty with the Umatillas (Walla Wallas, Umatillas and Cayuse.) The Treaty with the Nez Perce was the 11th I believe.

Enclosed also a clip of the story, also sent to Roland Miller before receiving your letter. It gives an over-all viewpoint.

The enclosed is taken from Kappler's Indian Affairs, Law and Treaties, which would be a good source for the fundamental treaties as to legal descriptions etc. Perhaps your library could requisition it. It's not too rare a book. My own copy will be in use here and besides, it's bulky.

Also available from your library should be Bancroft's Oregon and Wash. volumes which should give a good background.

For the more unusual, Kip's Treaty Council at Walla Walla in the rare class should be available through your library. It gives an eye-witness account. Then a look at the Washington Historical Quarterly Index should give numerous separate stories and sidelights.

The material I hope to get in shape to send will be to "digest" and will be from old microfilms, rare material that I've never seen much of it published or even referred to. There will be accounts there or rather letters concerning the first agent at "Utilia" early Walla Walla war accounts of the Volunteers, letters concerning road building through the reservation, moves to sell or transfer the reservation etc.

The Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, published annually and perhaps in some quantity in your library should be available. Each has a separate report of the agencies. I believe the first available start around the 60s. I have some copies from these concerning the Umatilla Agency.

The typescript material I'll send on loan. You can keep it for the long time necessary and I'm pretty satisfied that as you get into it, it will become tremendously interesting.

One fundamental thing to remember is that Walla Wallas, Umatillas and Cayuse are all known as Umatillas, the same that the various 14 tribes are known as Yakimas. But of course when you bump into an individual you can classify him as a Cayuse, member of the Umatilla tribe.

I'd think if you'd write to the Umatilla Agency at Mission they'd be able to provide a mimeograph copy of the Umatilla Treaty. This might also be true with the Nez Perce Agency at Lapwai. Having them on hand for

your own would be much better than having to copy them out of a library book.

It will be soon that I'll get a chance to send you some of the typescript material, but the sources mentioned are more than enough to get you going on the fundamentals.

I certainly don't want you to feel that I'm pushing this, nor that you have to run any of the material + send. It would be much better to just boil it down and write it so it's interpreted by the ordinary person than to try and pick it up as it is.

I'd appreciate it if you'd drop into your circulation department and check on my paper. I sent in my customary renewal, \$2 for Sunday only, about three weeks ago, but missed the last two Sunday papers. Don't want to miss next Sunday's. If something's gone wrong, I'll check on my postal not receipt and trace it out.

I've asked Chapin Foster to put you on his mailing list for any treaty centennial material he issues in the form of activities. I don't suspect the state's part will be much, because they are handicapped and limited in many ways, but there might be a date or something come out of his office.

Hope this little help has been of some use. More anon.

kind regards

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