

Dear Tomalawash, Friend and Brother:

Marcy 31, 1953

I haven't had time to get down to see you, and then they told me you were sick when I could have come down. So, now I am writing to tell you we are making progress. It is because of all the letters and the stories I have written about the Wanapums.

I had a government man come to see add me. In about two weeks another government man will come. He will want to go to Priest Rapids with Puck-Hyah-oot and someone who can talk a little. You could do that.

He is coming for one thing. To be sure just where the graveyard is. I told him I had a map I could show him, but he said he had to go there to see for himself, to be sure, because he is an engineer. He is doing that because the government, if it ever builds a dam at Priest Rapids, wants to make the people who build the dam build it so the water won't cover the graveyard. And if there are any graves up and down the river, like George Schappy's father, he will locate them so the government will move them if they have to be moved to keep out of the water, or so they won't be torn up when they start working on the dam. No don't think they are going to start working on the dam right away, because they are not.

I will write to Schappy too. Maybe, if you want me to meet with you again, I will do so and explain things a little better.

Tell Harry because the letters I wrote to him came back. Tell the others too, when you see them, because their letters also came back. After this man comes, we will keep on working and get the other things we want. I will do as much as I can.

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