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My files and research today disclose probable source of reference to promises of land for all time.

In ⁷~~six~~ pages of material, appearing in Yakima Herald, Sept. 13, 1911, is a story about Secretary Fisher and conference with Yakima Indians relative to irrigation and treaties.

Rev. George Waters is quoted:

"...more than 20 years ago Col. Rankin the Indian agent allotted to each of us 80 acres of land and we were advised by our white brethren that the acres would be ours for all time, for every man, woman and child, and we have always considered it ours...etc."

When the time comes, actual documentation of Rankin's statements to the Yakimas regarding allotments are no doubt available.

My same files contain accounts of Meninick's speech before the Supreme Court at Washington, 1921 and , from Yakima Republic, March 2, 1925 report of Yo-kash-ow-hi, Se-sash-elit -palmer and Frank See-lat-see concerning trip to Washington.

This was for the purpose of "reestablishment of the Indian agency now at Toppenish at White Swan; granting of right for Indians to hunt anywhere in the state; the naming of Indians as law officers on the reservation; and the abolishing of a patenting fee for Indian lands."

"The Indians contend the moving of the Indian agency from White Swan to Toppenish was done without their consent and is merely a commercial benefit for Toppenish which does not aid the Indians in the least...the interviews were taken down in shorthand and a typewritten report which the Indians contend has been altered and parts left out will be read before the meeting in the long house.

"...the Indians were given every opportunity to state their case. Secretary Work answered their talk with him by stating 'I am here

and the government will ~~could~~ take care of the reservation. "

...Yakima Republic, March 2, 1925. Excerpt from 3 page article.

The above are a couple of samples of material available, which would mean only historical background but actual date leads to documentary material from the Bureau of Indian Affairs or records of the Secretary of Interior.