

Oct. 2, 1962

Mrs. Emmett Avery, Archivist,
Washington State Library,
Pullman, Washington.

Dear Mrs. Avery:

My last communication, due to your vacation, was handled by Mr. G. Donald Smith and I wish to thank him for providing Verifaxed material from the McWhorter collection of papers.

I am writing now, enclosing other material desired.

I have obtained from Mrs. Virgil McWhorter, who of course I have known for some time customary permission with usual security assurances, check with publishers for permission as necessary and providing security copy of any published material to both the family and Washington State University.

There will be a subsequent order but perhaps by sending this, now, it will enable you to get a start on it.

please feel free to substitute Thermofaxing in your judgment, since it would not be desired that the material be of "permanency". I confess, however, I do not know the duration of Thermofax material.

I am "up against deadlines" as usual and I know I can trust you to expedite this as is possible under the circumstances.

For your information, and that of Mr. Smith, the material is for the benefit of the Yakima, hence there are no "royalties" involved, this being a tribal matter. I am not sure what will come of it, but we have been at work on material that compared with Mr. McWhorter's "Crime Against the Yakimas" would make the latter read like material for a Girl's Boarding School.

Only an "over-the-years" evaluation of situations, movements, pressures etc. keeps up to date with happenings in the Indian Affairs field and the never ending fight to retain the few things the Indians have left. I have no way of telling, but I suspect the material I have assembled, notes, clippings, letters etc. well after Mr. McWhorter's time and the hundreds of photographs and negatives are more extensive than the McWhorter papers and may or may not, in the long range, add to the over-all "Indian pictures". I am impressed more than ever by the continual "revolment" of history, from day to day and year to year. I can see now, easily, why Mr. McWhorter was considered by some as "prejudiced." There is verification, too, of his accusations and the fears and apprehensions of the Indians. What I am trying to do is only "nibble" at the edges of a matter that would take a year or "rewriting" alone for a proper work. I have weeks to get it out.

Hope you had a good vacation, profitable too and returned, determined to keep whacking away at other projects in the writing line.

When I get an idea as to cost on the enclosed requests, I can move more rapidly into other material. Have so much already I don't know what to do with it, but on certain things I wish to be thorough in background if not in prepared material.

Estimate of photo negative, copy cost, per negative, and prints of material in ~~photocopy~~ negative form would be appreciated.

Sincerely, my best regards to my WSU friends.

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