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2104 'B' Street,
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Mr. Click Belander,
Vogue Cabins,
Route 6, Box 3,
Yakima, Washington.
Dear friend Click:

When I mailed your claim a few hours ago I forgot to enclose a letter, so thought I would write you this note. The baskets came oked the same day I received your letter. But I did not find the Pomo basket. Perhaps you forgot to pack it, and have found it by now. We were very glad to receive the baskets and have them in show cases on display already.

Yesterday I went to Porterville and looked up the possibilities of baskets from there. I visited with Mrs. Mentz and renewed our acquaintance. She had none to sell, but told me that Mrs. Harvey had been selling some and that she probably had some left. She had 13 and I bought 10 from her. They are almost all made by Mrs. Dick Francisco, who was a Bancalachee of upper Kern River, north of Kernville, and a Kern County Indian before going to Tule Indian Reservation. We were very glad to get them. We now have about 56 baskets, most of them made by Kern County Indians.

Sincerely yours,



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Fair Grounds, North Chester Avenue
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February 5, 1951

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Click Relander
Route 3, Box 149
Yakima, Washington

Dear friend Click:

Thanks for your letter telling me of Roger Chute and his coming through the County. He has not showed up here yet, but I will try and take care of him when he comes. I will be glad to talk with him and hear his yarns.

Things are going along at the Museum slowly because of the fact that the Fair Association and the Chamber of Commerce have neither one acquired their new quarters, and we are having to fit in around them until such time as they move out. We are right in the midst of moving the Emory Whilton Florafaunium from Lebec to the Museum and will probably not finish that work until sometime in July. We put the birds and small animals in long cases in the basement, and are now building large habitat cases for the large habitat groups including the buffalo, bear, mountain lion, elk, deer, antelope and miscellaneous. I believe we will have a good job of it when it is done, but is going to take lots of work.

I believe I have no Washington branding irons. In fact, I have gathered almost no irons in the last twenty years.

I have heard of Ben Snipes, but I actually know nothing about him. I have no picture of him. Some of the old vaqueros I interviewed had worked for him, but I did not take pains gathering data concerning him.

On the 27th of next month, I expect to go to Visalia to talk to the Kiwanis Club. It is the first time I have been there in about a year.

Thanking you for your letter, I am

Sincerely yours,



F. F. LATTA

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Mr. Click Relander,
Route 3, Box 146,
Yokima, Washington

Dear friend Click:

Your most interesting letter arrived today. I have not had time to read all of the clippings but I can see that they are going to be most interesting. I will finish them tonight.

First of all, I do not remember ever having received the Campbell Diary notes. If they had been received I believe I would remember. Up to the time of the second quake, August 22, there were three groups receiving mail at this building. It was continually being mixed or lost. That must have been the case with the Campbell material. I am sorry about this as I would surely have enjoyed reading them.

We lost no historical material through the quakes, but the north end of the building was damaged and closed for several months. It has now been open about six weeks.

I would be particularly interested in copies of anything you find concerning Fort Tejon, Fort Babbitt and the Owens Lake Indian troubles. I will be glad to pay for having the copies made.

So far I have located no eagle feathers in condition to be of any use to you. I found about a dozen, but they were too badly moth eaten to be of any use to you. I thought I had a cinch as I knew the predatory animal hunter who ranged the Tehachapis on the San Emigdio Ranch. He often caught eagles and red-tailed hawks in his traps. But he had a heart attack and quit the job. The new man hasn't got me any as yet and I despair of his doing so, as he is too slow to catch anything.

As I have done so little among the Plutes I have nothing concerning them of any use to you. If I run across anything I will be glad to send it on.

Thanks for the photos of the sculptured heads. I like them very much. Wish you were here to do some work
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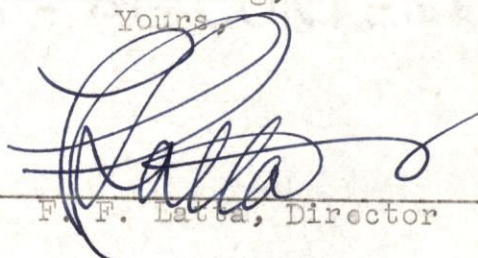
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for the Museum.

We have been getting along very well. I have just recovered from the flu; first time I have had it in about 15 years. Was in bed eight days.

Two of our daughters live in Seattle, one single, The married one has two children, a daughter 3 and a son one month. The oldest daughter lives in Detroit and has two daughters. Our son, Don, is Chief of Police at Capitola and has two sons, one only two weeks old. I expect to go over there for this weekend.

Thanks for writing,
Yours,



F. F. Latta, Director

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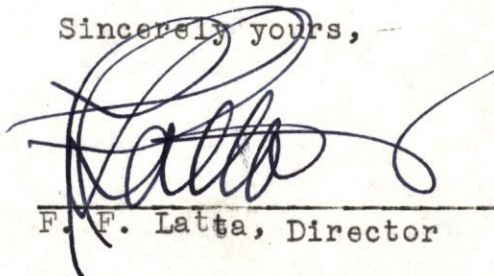
Friend Click:

Thanks for your letter and the notes. All were of interest. I was particularly interested in the Inyo County items. Two of them tie into material I have already gathered.

Since receiving your letter I have made more inquiry about eagle feathers. My best bet is probably through the predatory animal hunter who covers the San Emigdio locality. He sometimes catches one of them when trapping coyotes. I knew the party in that but they were shifted a few weeks ago and I must learn who the new man is and where he lives. There are no Piutes living in the Bakersfield area. Those Indians who lost their home on Piute Mountain were probably originally Kawaiusu. They talk a mixture, but know almost nothing of their old history.

I will keep on the trail of those eagle feathers, but, so far, no dice.

Sincerely yours,



F. F. Latta, Director