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Mr. Herb Shriner, Two for the Money show

Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Ave.

New York, <sup>22</sup><sub>^</sub> New York

Dear Mr. Shriner:

I am planning to be in New York to sail May 24 aboard the Ile de France for several months sightseeing and research in Europe.

I am hopeful that I may be considered a "contestant" on your Two for the Money show, shortly before that date, to enable me to prolong the research project aboard, and in New York and on the East Coast.

Enclosed you will find a snapshot of myself, literature on a forthcoming book, Drummers and Dreamers authored by my husband, and a newspaper clipping that gives an idea why additional research is necessary.

I am not seeking publicity for the book, which has been written for the purpose of securing a home for a remnant, non-treaty band of Indians at Priest Rapids on the Columbia River, site of a multi-million dollar two-dam project. [Many magazine and feature writers are even now requesting material on the book, and the publisher has deemed it of sufficient interest that he has sent page proofs to various book clubs.]

When the government and others would not provide a home for these Indians, my husband set out writing stories about them and the result is that the Public Utility District of Grant County has assured that the Indians will be permitted to live near their old home, will build a house there for them, protect their burial grounds and assist in preserving their very ancient culture.

There is the possibility, however, that the Public Utility District, which has been granted the construction license by the Federal Power Commission, will not be able to proceed with the dam. In that event the construction will revert to some other agency, and the moral rights of the Indians will have to be stronger substantiated by research. My husband, being a newspaperman, finds it impossible to travel far from home to trace down research clues we uncover.

I also wish to shop in New York for some eagle feathers and a special kind of blanket suitable for the old man leader of this band, who is named Puck Hyah Toot. He would need this when he and others accompanies my husband on a book tour of the Northwest starting October 6. This tour is to include over 20 cities--including Portland, Seattle and Spokane--which though not farther than 200 miles from Yakima, have never been visited by the old Nanapums, who are extremely poor people.



The Wanapums, contrary to most other Indians in this country who are now engaged in suing the government, have instead assisted the Public Utility District by expediting clearance with the Federal Power Commission. As a result the PUD named one of the two giant dams, Wanapum, for these people. There are only five of them now left, the remnants of a people Lewis and Clark identified as Sokulks in 1805 and estimated numbered 2,000 to 3,000.

The Wanapums lived at one of their last villages at White Bluffs several years ago when the Atomic Energy Commission established the Hanford Atomic Works, but because the government needed the land, they moved out to their last home at Priest Rapids.

At the risk of being suspected of appealing to your sentimentality, I will mention that he was born near Danville, Indiana, in 1908. As a farm boy there his interest in Indians first began when collecting arrowheads on a farm in Hendricks County, turned up by his plow. He also dug blue clay from a creek bank and used it for his first sculpturing, which he is now carrying on by converting the last of the Indians into statues, [a picture of a head of the old Wanapum is also enclosed]

I have never been to Danville, and hope to have the time, and money, to stop there en route home. I have worked to save the cost of my trip and to assist in research. Books the nature of Drummers and Dreamers do not usually have large sales, and it will be necessary for my husband to utilize his vacation to make the book tour.

In the event that I would be considered as a contestant, but there is no opportunity before the May 24 sailing date, would you wish to interview me when I come to New York, looking forward to the possibility of winning a place on your show upon my return from Europe?

Sincerely Yours

Mrs. Loraine Relander