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Subject: Status of "Additional" Human Remains from Columbia Park Site One as of 4/10/98

1. On 4/10/98 I visited the PNNL curation facility in the company of Julia Longenecker and Jeff Van Pelt of the CTUIR, Dr. Harvey Rice of the Colville Reservation, and Darby Stapp of PNNL. The purpose of the visit was to place remains collected from Columbia Park Site Two (the multiple individuals) with remains collected earlier.
2. While in the curation room, I placed a fragment of unidentified animal bone found on 4/6/98 in the white cardboard archival box designated by Dr. Trimble to hold additional material from Columbia Park Site One (the remains of allegedly great antiquity). Darby Stapp identified the box and, to the best of my memory, the box was marked as additional material from Site One.
3. While placing the single fragment in the box of additional remains I noted that it contained one human femur and a number of bags of bone fragments. I noted that the bag containing the bone fragments collected by John Leier and Aaron Wolf were in the box, as were animal bone fragments collected by myself a few days earlier during the mobilization for the site protection project at Site One. There was some discussion about the contents of the box. I believe Mr. Van Pelt and Ms. Longenecker saw into the box as I placed the animal bone fragment in it.
4. To the best of my memory, the bone fragments collected by Leier and Wolf contained one or two small fragments of possible human bone and a number of animal bone fragments.
5. It was my understanding then as now that the box contained all the bone fragments collected from Site One during and after the site investigation by W. E. S. and a single human femur found by a fisherman about three miles upstream on an island near Chiawana Park. To the best of my memory, human bone contained in the box consisted of one human rib fragment found by James Chatters in mid-December of 1997 during the geomorphological investigation by W. E. S., one or two small fragments of possible human bone found by Leier and Wolf before the mobilization of the site protection, and the femur found at another location near Chiawana Park.
6. Excluding the femur from another site, I would estimate that the total amount of human bone from Site One in the box was three pieces altogether weighing less than one ounce.
7. The box containing the additional remains from Site One and the unrelated femur remained on the shelf at the far right of the shelf section.
8. Dr. Harvey (Pete) Rice, Julia Longenecker, Jeff Van Pelt, and I inventoried the remains collected on 4/10/98 (inventory in MFR dated 4/16/98, Additional fragments of Human Remains Associated with Columbia Park Site 2 Multiple Individuals Collected on 4/10/98) and replaced them in a cedar box provided by Jeff Van Pelt.
9. During the inventory of the newly collected material from Site Two, I removed the white cardboard archival box containing the originally collected remains of the multiple individuals from the shelf and placed it on the table next to the newly collected material to compare the color and general condition of the two collections. Those present saw the contents of the archival box. There was mention of the marking on the archival box.
10. After the inventory we placed the cedar box and the white cardboard box containing the originally collected remains of the multiple individuals on the shelf in the same shelf section as the white cardboard box containing the additional bone fragments from Site One.
11. The three boxes were left on the shelf and we exited the room.

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