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Subject: Cultural Remains Update

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Sir,
This is a chronological update since we last spoke, which was shortly after I talked to Cheryl Lohman and Adeline Ferdeen, Colville Tribes (as of 301930 Aug):

Sandy Simmons and Ray Tracy, from Planning met with Lee Hunt, Ice Harbor Natural Resource Chief, on site to discuss permitting requirements for the proposed burial and site protection. Sandy gave me these results:

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Jeff Van Pelt, Umatilla called for a copy of the ARPA permit. I Faxed it to him.

I called Mr. Armand Minthorn, to give him an update. He seemed pleased with our efforts. I mentioned the Colville involvement and he confirmed that they want to do the exact opposite of what the Umatilla want to do. He is trying to reach them and hopes that they will defer to the Umatilla's wishes because of where they discovered the remains. I told him we will do what the tribes decide to do with the remains, but that we would not involve ourselves in that decision. I assured him that we are working under the assumption the decision will be what the Umatilla have asked for. I told him I would be at FT Lewis on Tuesday, but that you would be here.

Linda called me around 1650. This is when it got real interesting.

- She had contacted the Benton County Coroner, Floyd Johnson, to insure that he would cooperate with us. He told her that he and Jim Chatters, the archeologist, had arranged to transport the 1st set of remains to the Smithsonian for further testing on 8 Sep. He felt that state law gives him jurisdiction. Linda assured him that federal laws have precedence and disposition of the remains is our responsibility. She suggested that he speak with the county attorney and offered her services in working with the attorney.
- She managed to contact Andy Miller, the Benton County Attorney.