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Mr. W. M. Read, Director,
University of Washington Press,
111 Thompson Hall,
Seattle 5, Wash.

Dear Mr. Read;-

In the accompenying letter I have officially acknowledged and answered your Publications Council's adverse criticisms of my manuscript on the Pacific Salmon industry. I would ask that my letter be given them to read. Perhaps its members may be as resentful of these remarks as I felt over theirs but if so I would ask that, like I did with their charges, thet re-read the letter some few days later when they have had time to study and digest it.

I do not either ask or expect your Publications Council to reverse its action. Individuals often are open minded enough to make an about face when convinced of an error in judgement but it very rarely indeed happens that a group as a whole would follow a similar course. As far as I am concerned I regrad the matter as closed.

I would not let the occasion pass, however, without thanking you personally for both the help and encouragement you extended to me. Rightly or wrongly I dissociate you from your Council in the decision reached and believe you think better of my motives than its members appear to do.

Furthermore I bear no malice against any of these gentlemen for their action. I do not know even the name of any one of them and I respect the sincerity of their opinion even though I cannot share it. As a proof of these feelings I am about to send for your and their consideration a second manuscript of mine to see if it falls within the scope of publications your University Press would care to sponsor.

It is not a story of fishery matters but recounts experiences I had during some years spent along the northern coast of British Columbia and of the local people I knew and lived with while there. Its only value is as a picture of times and events that have passed into history and may be thought worth recording so that future generations will know what pioneer life in this section of the continent once was like. I submitted this manuscript to several

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of the large book publishers who wrote very complimentarily concerning it but who doubted public demand for a work of that type would be sufficiently large to insure them a profit. WHether it would justify your consideration is for you and your Publications Council to determine.

Again thanking you for your friendly interest and with kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

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