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August 27: Age of skeleton announced by press release. I made number of calls to colleagues with expertise in paleo-American physical anthropology to get advice on documenting remains. Gentry Steele suggested I contact Owsley at the Smithsonian.

August 28: Met with Ray Tracy, John Leier, Two other Corps staff members and seven members of Wanapum and Umatilla at Kiwanis site. At that time the Umatillas stated their position that the bones must be given to them for immediate reburial. Lee Turner of the Corps nodded, stating that "the colonel has made this his top priority." When Minthorn of the Umatillas stated that they did not want any further publicity on the original find, Turner again agreed there would not be. I reminded him that the 1st amendment did not allow him to make such a commitment. Minthorn stated that, while it was "unfortunate" that the radiocarbon date had been run "the damage was done." He asked me to commit that no other analyses would be done. I said the bone that had been sent to Riverside was all that would be destroyed. He and Van Pelt moved together, took an intimidating pose, and repeated the "request." I answered no other analyses were planned, assuming at the time that UC Davis had completed their DNA work, and that the Umatillas meant destructive analysis. Contacted Smithsonian about find, they suggested sending remains for full description (photos, measurement, radiography). When I expressed unwillingness to send they offered to fly me with bones. Discussed this with Mr. Johnson when we met for tea late in the day, he approved.

August 29: Completed forensic report on second set of remains; called Mr. Johnson who came and retrieved them. Visited original site with Will Thomas, one of the finders of first skeleton, to get more information about find location, interim placement of skull in bushes (in hopes of recovering missing parts). Looked at beach, found only three small bone fragments; nothing in bushes.

August 30: Smithsonian confirmed having tickets to fly me there on Sept. 8. Grover Krantz came at my request to see the skeleton and render his opinion of its racial affiliation. He noted the racial ambiguity, but was certain it was not an Indian from this area, since the limb proportions and facial structure were distinct from Northwest peoples. 5 pm received order to pack up skeleton and turn it over to sheriff's people at Andy Miller's request.

End of direct involvement.

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