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"Garry" Spokan Chief said

This is your heart.
Now the poor Indian knows what you mean. Not
one of my friends want to leave this country, we have
not been here for a little time. We have always
been here. When you saw this country you liked it.
You did not care for the poor Indian. You wanted
his country, you have put your feet in my tracks.

The Indians all want to remain in this country.
There is a little valley the "M^d & pellem" it is good
land, and there is more good land just over the
Columbia divide, but it is not large enough
for all the Indians. When the President and
the Queen of England made their line dividing
this country they did not consult with us. They
did us a great wrong and now it is not right
for the President to make a reserve for us without
our consent. I have been selected by the Indians
to tell you that not one of them wants the
reservation as it now stands. We have no ob-
-jection to the Rail Road running through our
country. I would sooner catch my fish,
dig roots and hunt, than to give up my country.
I have heard that a big chief was to see
the "Umatillas" two years ago. I want him to
come and see us, then I believe everything
could be settled to our satisfaction. We want
a reservation and we want the boundaries

of it as follows "in-map"

"Kittuce Cooural" Aloni" Chief said

I did not intend saying anything to day, but I have heard something that now makes me speak. "Gany" says that he will not go over to the Chanagan. I am of the same mind. We have not sold our country and shall not leave it.

Betal-halt Spokane

You have met us here to day for the purpose of knowing our hearts in regard to this new reserve. You are giving us this reservation thinking to please us. Well we are not pleased with it, now you know my heart and if you want to know the Indians heart you will find them so minded. You think by us listening to you, that you can cut our land in two. You came after us and you should give to us the selection of the reserve.

"Ora-pocken" Spokane Chief" said

I do not believe that I will say any thing different from the others. I came here to day to listen to what you had to say to the Indians. The agents commenced by telling the people to take farms. We have done so. 7

and now you want to drive us from there. Where the world was made, God gave every one a country he gave us this country. The Oklawans have theirs and they are going to keep it. I want the President to give us this country for a reserve. He can build school Houses here and teach our children, then we will be pleased. I have spoken.

Arvin-a-moo-a "Cloud" Alene"

Waid

I am going to talk to you and to the President. I am going to tell you about my lodge all of the people the men the women and the children and the children that are not yet born.

This is what I am attending to and I want you to attend to them likewise. I want you to do right. What you are going to do. I want to live like the white man. We our people do not want the President to make laws for us, we have our own laws, they are good enough for us and we want to live by them. When my children talks to you about the reserve, I want you to listen to them what they ask.

"Squal-qual" Spokane Said.

My country was the Big Trees it was sold - I now have a place in this country. I have come to see you. I am a friend to all the Agents, but I do not want to be driven out of my country. I want the President to listen to our chiefs and give them the reserve as they want it.

If he will do this we will give him our children and will always obey his laws.

"Am-Am-at-e-shin" Spokane Chief Said

When I came in this world I came from a woman, my mother. She before I was born would save skins for me, and when I came in the world she placed me in a skin. That was my class.

You know that the Indian had clothing before he saw the white man. My mother told me not to steal and now I know that her advice was good. The Agents have told us to farm. I have done it and from it I expect to get money to purchase all the necessities of life. I believe ^{that} if the Indians better understood the whites it would be better for them. I am sure that I would be pleased if you should move me from this country.

This country is like my mother and I don't like to leave her. We all have but one heart on this matter. I am a friend of the whites and at the time of the murder of G. A. Whitman my feet were covered with snow carrying their dispatches. I do not want to leave this country. I have spoken

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I am leaning against a big mountain and it will not leave this land. I want to keep you and I want to keep my clunch. If the President would give me a house full of goods it would not please me. I want to keep you and my country that is all.

"Solney" Colville said

"Kin-Kin-ah-wa" is right.

This is all of our hearts. I do not want the President to tell us any lies, make us promises and take them back. We will not tell him any lies. We are talking to the President. We do not see him, but we believe we are talking to him, what is good is good. We want a good agent. All we know we get from our agents. We want one that will talk straight. We do not talk this way ourselves, the Indians will lie and you must watch them. There are a great many that will cheat you. You must look out for them. I like all the agents and I like the Priests; it now depends on you to help the chiefs, they do not know much and you must help them. We are all very glad to see you, we would like to see two or three other agents in this house, then we would be better pleased. We are very glad to see you, we did not expect to get as good a man. When our letter gets to Washington then our President will know what we want. When they say of us that he will give us what we want, we will not be the judge we will leave it all to him, we want him to send us teachers and men to learn our children trades. I have spoken.

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"Ouitone Colville" said

I love my country and do not want to leave her. We do not want to be mixed up with the whites. We want Colville valley for a reservation. This is our heart. We never saw a better country than this. It was the Indians country before the whites came and we want it.

"Nai-Sai-ah-na" Colville Chief

Said, This is the first time that the President has sent word to the Indians that he wanted to know their hearts on this matter. It is not we who are talking it is our land. I have always been at peace. I never trouble anybody. I have heard others talking about the land, never said anything myself, but now I am going to talk. I am a poor Indian, than that were here before me were peirs the President has not been my chief but a short time, but now I am talking to him. There are eight tribes that give my country.

The President is giving them all to me, my heart never moves. I hear much talking about this country. This is my country and I am going to remain in it. If any body is talking about good land let them go and take it, this is my country and I will keep it.

I want no other. We do not want any body that is had in this country. I am chief of these people and I want a good man to stay with them.

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I am leaning against a big mountain and I will not leave this land. I want to keep you and I want to keep my church. If the President would give me a house full of goods it would not please me. I want to keep you and my country that is all.

"Stoney" Colville said

"Kin-kin-ah-wa" is right.

This is all of our hearts. We do not want the President to tell us untruths, make us promises and then take them back. We will not tell him any lies. You are talking to the President. We do not see him but we believe we are talking to him, what is good is good. We want a good agent. All we know we get from our agents. We want one that will talk straight. We do not talk this way ourselves, the Indians will lie and you must watch them. There are a great many that will cheat you. You must look out for them. I like all the agents and I like the Priests; it now depends on you to help the chiefs, they do not know much and you must help them. We are all very glad to see you, we would like to see two or three other agents in this house, then we would be better pleased. We are very glad to see you, we did not expect to get as good a man. When our letter gets to Washington then our President will know what we want. When they talk to us then he will give us what we want. We will not be the judge we will leave it all to him, we want him to send us teachers and men to learn our children trades. I have spoken.

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Charles Leclercq said

I have something to say about this reserve. I say have been talking about this country. The white, it is not us that want to leave it; it is the white that want to get us out of this valley. It is the President himself who will have to settle this we do not want to be cheated. If he will give us this valley we will be his friends. If our old people show we are going to have this country for a reservation they will be pleased. Before this day we did not know what to do. You are asking the Indians to show their hearts. Well if the President will give us this valley that is our heart. If we show that we are to live and die here we will all be pleased. We are catholic and we want to stay near our missions. This is our heart.

Antoine

The young men are all satisfied with what we have been talking about and if the President should ask us for this land he could not get it. The land on the other side of the river is not good land, that is the reason we do not want it. The President once gave us this land for a reserve and we want it; now if he should give me goods and cattle I would not be pleased. I like my friends and I do not want him to move them from this country.

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Fort Colville W. T. July 23rd 1875.

Hon. E. J. Smith.
Commissioner Ind. Affairs
Washington D. C.

Sir:

Referring to my communication of this date enclosing estimate for Agency buildings, I would respectfully state I have at different times since I have been in Charge of this Agency recommended that "Colville Valley be added to the present Reservation North of the Columbia river", making the Spokan River & the Idaho line the Southern & Eastern boundaries, but as no action has been taken in the matter, and as it is probable that that there would be some difficulty in getting an appropriation sufficient (say \$250 to 300,000) to buy out the settlers who have farms, and improvements within the desired addition, I would now recommend that instead of including the whole valley, a strip, six miles in width along the Columbia river, and parallel to it, extending from

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the 49th Parallel to the Spokan River be added to the present reservation. The proposed addition would satisfy the majority of the Indians of this Agency, and is desirable for them on several accounts. It is the home of the Colvilles, and Lakes, and they nearly all, have their farms within its limits. It includes the great Salmon fishing at Little Falls, where the different tribes procure their winter supply of fish^{the} constitutes their chief article of food. The "Catholic Mission" (which it would not be necessary to purchase) is included in it, also the old trading Post of the Hudson Bay Company (Fort Colville), and the "Flour Mill" which was included in the "possessory rights" purchased by our Government from the Company, and there is no more eligible point, in this whole section of Country for an Agency than "Old Fort Colville", and the buildings with a little improvement would be quite sufficient for the use of Agent and employes. There are not more than ten or twelve white persons who have improvements within the above mentioned limits, and I am of opinion

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that it would not require an Appropriation of over \$25,000 to purchase them, (including the trading Post & Mill referred to), and to make the necessary improvements for the Agency.

In lieu therefore of the \$20,800 asked for to put up the necessary buildings on the Reservation north of the Columbia, I would earnestly recommend that an appropriation of \$25,000 be asked for to buy out the Settlers on the proposed addition and that the lines of the present Reserve be extended as indicated above. It is not probable that there would be any trouble between whites and Indians growing out of contiguous settlements along the proposed line, as the Country is Mountainous, and will not admit of such settlements. I am satisfied that the Indians will now voluntarily surrender their homes within the proposed limits, and if they can be secured to them by incorporating them in the reservation one great source of trouble will be removed and probably much expense saved to the Government.

Very respectfully,
 Your Obedt. Servant,
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