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May 15, 1969

Wokano, Washington 99210

Dear Senator Jackson

Mrs. Lucy F. Covington  
Box 451  
Nespelem, Washington 99155

Dear Mrs. Covington:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Colville termination proposal and for sending along the tabulation on the recent election held on the reservation. I would appreciate having the total vote figures when they are available.

Sincerely yours,

Henry M. Jackson  
Chairman

HMJ:gbs

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Sincerely yours  
Lucy F. Covington

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Dear Senator Jackson:

I want to thank you for the courteous short talk in your office, which enlightened me when you said you weren't going to push the Termination Bill, unless or until the House made the move. Therefore I am sending <sup>you</sup> the news release I made this morning, showing how the people feel about termination on the reservation.

However this isn't the final tabulation the absentee Ballots numbering 1008 requests <sup>with</sup> 845 Ballots returned as of 5/10/69 will be counted May 15/1969 at the Tribal office.

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RELEASE: Colville Indians Reject Termination 2 to 1.

Colville tribal elections were held on the reservation Saturday, May 10, 1969, for seven of the fourteen positions on the tribal council. This year saw a spirited political campaign between candidates wanting to terminate the reservation and those in favor of retaining it in Indian ownership.

Candidates opposing termination made a clean sweep in all districts on the reservation. The anti-termination candidates received 853 reservation votes, while those calling for liquidation of the reservation received only 404.

Final tabulation of all votes will not be known until absentee ballots are counted Thursday, May 15. The Colville Tribe is one of the few in the country that allows absentee ballots to be cast by those who do not return to the reservation on election day. In recent years a majority of all votes cast have come from absentee tribal members--last year 658 voted on the reservation, and 706 voted absentee. This means that non-residents who often don't know the candidates and who often have no interest in tribal affairs actually control the running of the reservation.

The question of liquidating the reservation has been a burning issue in all past campaigns. Absentee voters have put members on the tribal council who promise to liquidate the reservation and distribute the proceeds to all members. This appeals to many absentees who have moved away from the reservation and do not enjoy their special reservation rights and privileges.

But a majority of local resident Colvilles are opposed to having their land and Indian rights sold out from under them. In previous campaigns the anti-termination votes have been split between many candidates, and absentee votes have swung the final count in favor of liquidation candidates. Thus the ruling tribal council has been officially requesting termination by 10 councilmen to 4 opposed.

This year those opposed to selling the reservation ran only one candidate for each vacant position in order to get a truer expression of reservation opinion. They trounced the liquidation candidates in an overwhelming 2 to 1 rejection of termination.

In the Omak District, tribal chairman Narcisse Nicholson was overwhelmingly rejected and received the least number of votes of the four candidates running. This defeat of the tribal chairman in his own district was seen as a clear reversal of opinion on the reservation.

Thursday's count of absentee ballots may change the final outcome of the election from that shown by the local vote. But the local balloting shows clearly that reservation residents are overwhelmingly opposed to the sale of the reservation.



Following is a list of the candidates and the number of local votes that they received in Saturday's election. Candidates favoring liquidation of the reservation are indicated by asterisk.

OMAK DISTRICT

Barbara Marchand.....167  
Larry Zacherle.....162  
\*Thelma Marchand.....105  
\*Narcisse Nicholson, Jr.....102

NESPELEM DISTRICT

Shirley Palmer.....172  
Jimmy Orr.....139  
William Picard..... 36  
\*Francis Moore..... 32

INCHELIUM DISTRICT

Amadee Whitney..... 90  
Loretta Pakootas..... 83  
\*Dean Bourgeau..... 59  
\*Alice Lawrence..... 57

KELLER DISTRICT

Clarence Campobasso..... 40  
\*Barney Rickard..... 13

RELEASED BY: Lucy Covington, Chairman, Committee on Indian Rights of the Colville Reservation.  
Member, Colville Business Council,  
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.  
Secretary, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.  
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February 16, 1972

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PLEASE ADVISE ON STATUS OF THE COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBE

JUDGE Mrs. Lucy Covington

LUCY Vice Chairman COL BUS COUNCIL

Colville Business Council

Box 451

Nespelem, Washington

Dear Mrs. Covington:

In response to your telegram to Forrest Gerard, I have discussed the status of S. 1104, to provide for the disposition of funds arising from judgments in favor of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, with the committee staff and am pleased to advise you that it will be considered at the next regularly scheduled executive session which we anticipate will be held within a week or so.

I regret the delay in committee approval of this judgment bill and recognize the importance of the payment of funds to the enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

Please be assured that I am giving this matter my personal attention and expect to move the bill through the Senate at a reasonably early date.

Sincerely yours,

Henry M. Jackson  
Chairman

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PLEASE ADVISE ON STATUS OF THE COLPILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBE  
JUDGEMENT DISTRIBUTION BILL

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