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Musk
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Mr. W. S. Campbell
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

I find it necessary to inform you that the information you requested about the Nez Perce Indians is beyond us to furnish.

The word "kow-e-so-et" can not be identified by any of the members of the tribe at the present time. It may be that the spelling is so inaccurate that it does not suggest to the modern Nez Perce the name of that Chief.

The same is true of the word "Musk-a-moots". I have asked several well-informed Indians about this and again it does not suggest any connection with horse equipment.

I am sorry not to be able to furnish you with the information you wish. Incidentally I do not know what the enclosed check was for, but I am returning it to you.

AP/m

Yours truly
Archie Rhinney
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Superintendent