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Attn: F. B. Metzger

Gentlemen:

Owing to some blasting done by Norman Hamburg, first mate on t the snagboat W. T. Preston, we have managed to squeeze log rafts through Sterling Bend in the Skagit River. However, today while Hamburg was preparing to clear out a stump that we have been wrecking log rafts on, a farmer's wife-Mrs. Halvorsen by name -- whose property is located near the bank, refused to move herself out of dangeres way as she believes the removal of the stump would allow the river to wash away some of the property. We had no authority or advice which would allow us to continue, but the stump will have to come out to let us continue towing logs until a channel is dug. If not channel is dug soon, all the good work that the Swinomish has done in the last two years will be nullified.

Would appreciate your immediate answer in advice to the above matter.

Sincerely, Allen a Tingley Allen A. Tingley

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