

MEMORANDUM

RE: Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission

FROM: Henry Loble

DATE: October 16, 1979

I talked to Allen Chronister of the Attorney General's office on Tuesday, October 16, 1979. He said that Willie Day was apparently upset in that he felt that the Governor and the Attorney General were taking over the functions of the Commission in negotiating with the Flathead tribe. He wanted to have an opportunity to explain this to the Commission at its next meeting and I said that would be just fine. I really don't see that they are at fault.

He also mentioned that after Tony Rogers, the attorney for the Flatheads, had mentioned the need for secrecy, that Tom Pablo, the chairman of the Flathead tribe, had written a letter to the Missoulian in which he revealed that there had been a meeting between the Tribe and the Commission and also gave some of the details of the meeting. So apparently they are not so anxious for secrecy as they say. He is going to send me a copy of that letter written by Pablo to the Missoulian.

I then asked him who our attorney was and whether it was going to be him or who. He said that it wouldn't be possible for him to act as our attorney. However, he thought that his office, either through their Helena office or their office in Missoula, whatever that may be, could help the DNRC attorney who is assigned to be our counsel. This would be if there was an excess of work or something like that. He said he was not acting as our attorney at the meeting with the Flatheads but only was there because it was a continuation of a meeting which had been held previously between the Governor, the Attorney General and the Flathead tribe.

Incidentally, the reason he called me was because Gary Fritz had called him and was somewhat upset because it looked as if the Governor and the Attorney General were taking over the functions of the committee and was also upset because Willie Day was upset

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