Gt. Northern Road -Construction May 13,1907 Hill to William H. Taft., Secretary of War Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads are jointy building a road on the north shore of the Columbia River (Portland to Seattle) because there is room for only one railroad. Will have to cross a portion of the Military Reserve at Fort Wright. W.L. Darling, chief engineer of N. P. goes to Taft to explain this necessity.

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