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DEAR INDIAN RESEARCHERS,

SEVERAL YEARS AGO I FOUND A PICTURE OF CHIEF BIG THUNDER ON A 1858 ROLLED UP BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS WALL MAP. IT WAS SMALLER THAN A EGG & BADLY CRACKED. ENCLOSED IS A BLACK & WHITE COPY & A COLOR COPY. HE IS WEARING A GOLD NECKLACE & A BUFFALO ROBE WITH INDIAN WRITING ON INSIDE. A LAKE OR OCEAN & A SHIP IS BOTTOM LEFT. ALSO ENCLOSED ARE VARIOUS ARTICLES I HAVE FOUND ABOUT HIM. I WANT TO PRESERVE HIS HISTORY & ADD TO IT IF POSSIBLE. ANY INFORMATION WILL BE APPRECIATED.

1. IS THERE ANY INFORMATION OR HISTORY PASSED DOWN THRU THE YEARS.
2. WAS HE A POTAWATOMIE, CHIPPEWAY, OR WINNEBAGO CHIEF?
3. DID HE WAGE ANY WARS IN CANADA OR U.S..?
4. DID HE SIGN ANY TREATIES IN CANADA OR U.S..?
5. WHAT IS HIS ANCESTRY?
6. WHAT DOES THE WRITTING ON THE BUFFALO ROBE SAY?
7. IS THE GOLD NECKLACE A SYMBOL OF SOMETHING?
8. DID HE DIE IN 1800 ?, 1832?, 18__???? AND WHERE?
9. DOES HE HAVE DESCENDANTS ALIVE TODAY.
10. IS HIS HEAD IN A MEDICAL OR INDIAN OR GOVT. MUSEUM IN NEW YORK?
11. COULD THIS PICTURE OF HIM BE A AUTHENTIC DRAWING, COPIED FROM ANOTHER OLDER SOURCE?

YOU CAN PASS THIS LETTER & COPIES OF THE PICTURE ON TO OTHER RESEARCHERS ETC....

I AM A VOLUNTEER AT THE IDA PUBLIC LIBRARY IN BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS. ANY INFORMATION SENT WILL GO INTO A FILE I STARTED ON HIM. OTHER POSSIBLE NAMES ARE BLACK THUNDER, WIRLING LIGHTNING, ETC..... BUT DONT KNOW IF THEY ARE THE SAME PERSON.



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