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November 10, 1921.

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Mr MR. Harrington,  
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NY.C.

Dear Sir:-

I have been referred to you by Dr JR Swanton of Washington DC relative to the customs of the Delaware Indians. I am a Scoutmaster of a troop of Boy Scouts + am desirous of instituting an Indian fraternity for my first class scouts. My idea was to adapt some of the rituals, religious dances and ceremonies of the original tribe of Indians that resided in this vicinity. Boothwyn is located between Wilmington Del + Chester Pa and about 2 miles west of the Delaware River at Marcus Hook Pa. There is an old tradition about an Indian chief named "Naaman" who resided in this vicinity. Can you give me any information or any channels through which I can obtain such information. I want a bonafide, genuine adaptation so I can give my boys something worthwhile + authentic.

I will thank you for your cooperation  
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