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Sincerely,

Rudolph C. Ryser

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NOTES and KEY WORDS FROM MACARTHUR FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT:

GENERAL:

integrated view of the relationship among economic, political, social and environmental aspects of global stability.

POLITICAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION:

transition to democracy - democraticization
training policy-makers
timely public discussion and policy consideration
(Public fora on the East Coast, taped and later
aired on East and West radio stations for example)

(Principals deliver speeches before groups like World
Affairs Council, UNA, groups in Europe et)

interdisciplinary and international team
(international and interdisciplinary networks)

POPULATION:

causes and consequences of rapid population growth ...
intimately linked to degradation of natural resources

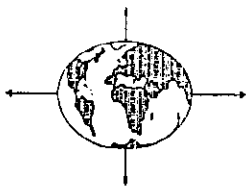
nature of interactions between population and ecological
zones.

ENVIRONMENT:

(probable references to UN Program on the Environment and/or
the UN Development Program)

mitigate solutions to environmental problems
"hotspot"
Institution Building

grant coordination with other programs and projects



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Special Forestry Team member, 1990
Nicaraguan Institute of Natural Resources
and Environment (IRENA)

International Relations, Mikupia, 1991

Founding member of Mikupia Directorate, 1991

Training Seminar and Workshops, Caribbean
Conservation Corporation, Tortuguero,
Costa Rica, summer, 1991 (sea turtle biology
and ecology; research methods)

Resumé

July 29, 1991

Rudolph C. Rýser

Rudolph Rýser is a member of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe and the Chairman of the Center for World Indigenous Studies in the United States. He has for more than twenty years worked in the field of Indian Affairs as a writer/researcher and Indian rights advocate in the United States. Since 1977, Mr. Rýser has expanded his work in Indian Affairs to encompass indigenous peoples throughout the world. After three years of undergraduate studies in philosophy at Washington State University, undertaking a series of graduate level studies in international affairs and war/peace studies with the Center for War/Peace Studies and Indian Education Administration (UCLA) in the 1960s, Mr. Rýser became a contributor to policy development activities of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, the Conference of Tribal Governments and the National Congress of American Indians.

In 1975 Mr. Rýser was selected by tribal leaders in the Northwest U.S. states to serve as a Specialist on U.S. government federal administration of Indian Affairs on the American Indian Policy Review Commission. (A joint U.S. Senate/House of Representatives Commission established to study U.S. and tribal policies and recommend alternative policies to the Congress.) Mr. Rýser authored the Federal Administration Task Force Report issued to the Commission in 1976. He later served as the Executive Director of the Small Tribe Organization of Western Washington - an organization established by twenty-three Indian tribes to support community development and community organization activities at each tribe. In 1979, Mr. Rýser served as the Special Assistant to the World Council of Indigenous Peoples President George Manuel (Canada) and served as the Acting Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians in 1983.

Over the years, Mr. Rýser has engaged in systematic research in tribal law enforcement and Indian education (Social Research Center - Washington State University), tribal economic development (Battelle Memorial Institute - Richland, Washington), Tribal/State relations, tribal development and appropriate technology, north/south economic relations and tribal development, tribal health systems and South American tribal political development, tribal self-government, tribal/Canadian political relations (COSAMCO, Ltd.), war/peace tribal/state resolution in Melanesia, Central America, South Asia (World Council of Indigenous Peoples), tribal land annexation in Canada, U.S., Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala and anti-Indian movement in the U.S. and tribal self-government (Center for World Indigenous Studies).

Mr. Rýser has developed and conducted tribal and intertribal workshops and seminars on health, community organization, self-government, law enforcement, and natural resource management. He has presented these programs in the United States, Canada, Australia, Mexico and in Peru in Indian communities. In several

capacities, Mr. Rýser has also functioned as a liaison and facilitator for diplomatic linkages between indigenous spokespersons and representatives of state governments and international organizations. The subjects of these diplomatic communications have ranged from developing cooperative efforts in cultural exchanges, environmental impact cooperation, political support and diplomatic cooperation in international organizations.

Rudolph C. Rýser has contributed to two anthologies on Indian Rights published by the University of Toronto Press and one anthology on Indian Self-Government by the Center for World Indigenous Studies in the United States and in Canada. In addition, he has written more than two hundred position papers, analysis and essays on subjects ranging from water rights, and land rights to international political relations and self-government for inter-tribal organizations and tribal governments in North America, Central America, the South Pacific and Northern Europe. Many of Mr. Rýser's articles and essays have appeared in North American Indian newspapers and journals. The International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (Copenhagen, DK), the Anthropology Resource Center (Mass. US), World Council of Indigenous Peoples and the Center for World Indigenous Studies have published many of Mr. Rýser's writings. He has become a well known essayist among indigenous peoples throughout the world, and he is among the leading spokespersons for Fourth World political development, tribal/state conflict resolution and international cooperation between indigenous nations.

IX. PREVIOUS OR CURRENT SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED WORK

The principal investigators have no current support for the proposed work. AC-IRENA and IRENA received \$25,000 from the World Wildlife Fund for a December 1990-March 1991 workshop project to access community consensus for a Miskito Coast Protected Area.

Distinct from this proposal but related to research and planning in the area, the Caribbean Conservation Corporation has received \$150,000 from AID for biological research, Mikupia/IRENA have been awarded \$50,000 from the MacArthur Foundation for radio and boat equipment and NGO support, and Mikupia is receiving \$50,000 from the World Wildlife Fund and Cultural Survival for general operating costs. The Indian Law Resource Center and the Caribbean Conservation Corporation have submitted proposals to the MacArthur Foundation for research and assistance in the MCPA region on distinct projects.

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Collaborative Studies Competition

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*The competition is sponsored by the Programs on Peace and International Cooperation,
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March 13, 1990

GRANTS FOR COLLABORATIVE STUDIES
ON
HUMAN SOCIETIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE

Fundamental and rapid changes in the natural environment and in international economic and political relationships are challenging the capacities of nations, institutions and peoples to manage their affairs. By means of this grant competition the MacArthur Foundation encourages collaborative studies of these changes—their sources, effects, and implications for sustainable human society.

Over the next three years the Foundation invites proposals for projects on human dimensions of environmental change, including the links between economic development, population change, the natural environment and international cooperation. Two overarching questions are how to promote equitable economic development that is environmentally sound and democratically responsible and how industrialized and developing countries can cooperate to accomplish these goals.

These policy problems require analysis and discussion from many divergent approaches. Scientists and policymakers, scholars and community leaders must marshal and combine efforts to develop profoundly different understandings of the interconnectedness of people, nations, and nature. The Foundation supports the establishment of new collaborative relationships among individuals and institutions whose interactions might yield new insights, integrated syntheses, and prescriptions for policy.

Successful project proposals will draw on a range of professional, disciplinary and national perspectives relevant to the problems to be studied. While solutions to these problems would seem to draw most immediately from economics and environmental and natural sciences, those who concentrate on social, legal, cultural, demographic and political dimensions may make important contributions as well. The Foundation encourages the creation of networks and project teams linking individuals and institutions from disparate regions of the world. Because of the difficulty of initiating transnational and transregional collaborations, the Foundation will consider requests for planning grants, as well as fully developed project proposals.

The purpose of the Foundation is to encourage imaginative, interdisciplinary work that will be widely disseminated to policymakers and the broader public.

Review Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of several criteria, including the clarity of the problem statement, the cogency of the conceptual approach and the appropriateness of the research methods to the problem to be addressed. The Foundation welcomes innovative ideas, designs and methodologies.

Collaboration will be a central criterion of evaluation. Applicants must provide a work plan demonstrating how collaboration will be implemented. A team must be composed of three or more participants approaching the identified problem from varied perspectives. Special consideration will be given to teams that include regional specialists and to efforts that enhance the capacities of researchers and organizations in developing countries. Participation by policymakers, community leaders, women, minority group members and younger people is encouraged.

The Foundation considers effective dissemination of project results to be a critical step in linking the results of the collaborative process to policymaking. Applicants are expected to include descriptions of plans for dissemination.

Selection Process

Each proposal will be reviewed by specialists from outside the Foundation who will assess the potential of the project for interdisciplinary interactions, new lines of thought and reformulations of policy. A comparative review of all submissions will be made by an advisory committee composed of persons knowledgeable in the various substantive areas encompassed by this competition. Final decisions on award recommendations will be made by the Board of Directors.

Grant Terms

Grants may run from one to three years. Project budgets may include allowance for released time, support of project assistants, travel, communications, workshops, meetings and up to 15% for institutional overhead. The annual project budget should not exceed \$300,000; however, the Foundation encourages studies that can be accomplished on a more limited budget.

Grant awards may be made to and administered by institutions in countries other than the United States, provided they meet the United States legal requirements of an educational, governmental, religious or charitable institution.

Application Procedures

Proposals must be typewritten in English. Applicants should address six copies of a complete proposal to:

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To be considered, a proposal must include (in the order indicated):

- *Cover sheet, including names, addresses, and telephone numbers of applicants, title of the proposed project, total amount requested, and the starting date and duration of the project;*
- *Summary of 250 words or less;*
- *Description, up to 4,000 words, including:*
 - Objectives of the proposed work and expected significance;*
 - Collaborative process;*
 - Methods to be employed;*
 - Relevant bibliography;*
 - Plans for dissemination;*
- *Budget;*
- *Resumes of applicants;*
- *Three letters of reference for each team member. These are to be sent under separate cover directly to the Collaborative Studies program; and*
- *Statement of any previous, current, and potential funding sources for the proposed work, including sabbatical salaries, advances against book royalties, etc.*

Deadlines

Annual competitions for collaborative studies will be held in each of three years beginning in 1990. The deadline for proposal submissions is August 1, in each year (1990, 1991, and 1992). Grant awards will be announced in December of the same year.

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BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH

RUDOLPH C. RYSER

Rudolph Carl Ryser was born in 1946, is a life-time resident of the State of Washington and is a member of the Cowitz Indian Tribe. He and his wife of twenty-two years Nancy Kay have three boys: Christian, Jon and Morgan.

Mr. Ryser studied philosophy as an undergraduate at Washington State University. He served as a staff of the American Indian Policy Review Commission established by the U.S. Congress in 1975 and was the principal author of the Commission's Task Force on Federal Administration Report. He was the Executive Director of the Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington and later served as the speech writer for Quinault Indian Nation President Joe DeLaCruz. He is also the former Special Assistant to the President of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples Chief George Manuel. He served as an interim Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians. Mr. Ryser is currently the Chairman of the Center for World Indigenous Studies and Co-Chairman of the Puget Sound Task Force on Human Rights.

Mr. Ryser is the Editor of the *Fourth World Journal* and also edits a number of newsletters including the *Northwest Monitor*. He recently contributed to and co-edited *Indian Self-Government: Perspectives on the Political Status of Indian Nations in the United States of America*. He has authored many articles including *Fourth World Wars: Indigenous Nations and the New International Political Order* which originally appeared in *The Unfinished Agenda: Aboriginal Rights in Canada*, and *Indigenous Nations, States and the Great Lie* which appeared in *Pathways to Self-Determination* - both published by the University of Toronto Press. Mr. Ryser is currently co-authoring a book with Dr. Bernard Q. Nietzschmann of the University of California - Berkeley entitled: *Nations and States: Roots of Conflict*.

Mr. Ryser lives in Lynnwood, Washington.

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