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In accordance with discussions and agreements concluded between M Marule and R Ryser in late July 1981 regarding the research program of IWIR the following projects and tasks were listed:

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1. Situation of Indigenous Peoples Study (SIPS). This proposal was drafted in May of 1981 and has been distributed to each of the Regional Secretariats for comment and endorsement. M. Marule is assuming primary responsibility for securing the overall budget which exceeds \$650 thousand Canadian. It is anticipated that some of the Regions (particularly NA, SP and Sami-Greenland) will finance their own portion as outlined in the SIPS budget. Initial core support is being sought from the Blood Reserve Government and the International Research Development Agency of the Canadian Government. As of Middle August no funds have been formally secured.
2. WCIP Journal: This project was originally proposed in June of 1980 at the WCIP Nuuk Executive Council meeting. Since then there have been two proposals for launching the journal. The most recent has been received from the Sami Institute which offers to provide "initial set up printing plates" and operational funding. Discussions of this proposal were initiated in July '81 at the WCIP Secretariat. The proposal stands to include the preparation of plates in three languages (Norwegian, English and Spanish) and a circulation of about 15,000 is anticipated. To expedite circulation it is proposed that the plates be sent to each of the appropriate regions permitting printing to take place in each location. It is anticipated that IWIR will contribute to the Journal with one comparative piece and one thought piece for each edition. Editing will be carried out by IWIR/WCIP Secretariat.
3. Adult Literacy Project in conjunction with the International Council for Adult Education. the proposal is that IWIR undertake a feasibility study to determine whether the present Operation Adult Literacy Project now being conducted by the ICAE in Nicaragua can be expanded to cover other indigenous populations in Central America particularly Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador. Discussions with a ICAE representative will be initiated in the middle of September at the WCIP Secretariate.
4. South Pacific Conference on Indigenous Technology and

Technology Selection: IWIR retains the primary responsibility for promoting and aiding the development of this conference. Prime organizational responsibility is being assumed by the SouPac steering committee headed by Eloi Machoro of Kanak (New Caledonia) in conjunction with Reg Birch of Aljeringa (National Aboriginal Conference). E Machoro has made contact with several island indigenous representatives in May and June. IWIR will have the responsibility for assisting in the development of a working data framework on indigenous technologies and particularly the matter of indigenous technology selection methodologies.

5. International Convention on Indigenous Rights: IWIR has the responsibility for drafting working papers discussing the ramifications and practical implications of the April 28, 1981 draft of the proposed Convention. These working papers are to be distributed to the regions with the specific intention of promoting intra-regional discussion and debate preparatory to the WCIP Fourth General Assembly.
6. Multinational Corporation activities in Indigenous Homelands: This project is intended to function as a monitor rather than an analytical assessment of MNC activities. Chronological, natural resource, corporate investments, and timetables are expected to serve as the principle data to be collected. Data is to be collected on the basis of national indigenous groupings. As data is collected it is anticipated that specific reports are to be released periodically.
7. Comparative MNC Impact and Strategies: This project is designed to illustrate the relative impact of selected development activities on Indigenous populations and make comparisons of these impacts and the MNC strategies. Three initial development foci will be treated. They are: Hydroelectric Developments, Uranium Developments, and Aluminum Developments.
8. Phases of Colonization in Indigenous Homelands Project: This Study is intended to serve as a thought piece as well as a comparative piece. It will examine the classical and unconventional modes of colonization in Indigenous areas with the hoped for result of depicting the characteristics of colonization in indigenous homelands that may have broad application.
9. The Decline of Indigenous Political Activism in the U.S.: This study is an inquiry into the systematic effects of U.S. policy to undermine up to ten politically and economically active tribal groups within the boundaries of the United States during the last eight years. Specific emphasis will be placed on the Northern Cheyenne, Colville Confederated Tribes, Quinault Nation, Hopi Nation, Pine Ridge Sioux, Kiowa, Jicarilla Apache, All Indian Pueblo Council, Yakima Nation, Standing Rock Sioux and the Navajo Nation.
10. Indigenous Political Development and Political Status: IWIR will provide continuing research and technical support to four politically emerging Indigenous national groups including the Kanaks of New Caledonia, IGC of Canada, Aljeringa of Australia and the Maya Nation of Central America.