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Dear Dr. Korn:

Thank you for your October letter inviting me to contribute to your proposed volume entitled, "Genocide: Theory and Research". As you are apparently aware from your conversations with Barney Nietschmann, the Center for World Indigenous Studies is an independent, non-profit organization established to increase wider understanding of the situation of indigenous peoples and our contributions to the body of human knowledge.

We are intensely concerned about the practice of ethnocide and genocide against indigenous peoples throughout the world. A major part of our efforts are aimed at finding and promoting alternatives to institutionalized, state-sponsored, community-sponsored and corporate-sponsored violence against indigenous peoples. We believe the effectiveness of our efforts is directly proportional to our ability to gain visibility for the circumstances of indigenous peoples, and a wider appreciation of indigenous peoples' thinking and ideas.

Your invitation to contribute to Genocide: Theory and Research is accepted with deep appreciation. By the time you receive this letter I hope to have already spoken with you by telephone. Please accept this letter as a written confirmation.

Sincere regards,

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