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Dear Mark:

Since finishing my assignments at the National Congress of American Indians I have returned to writing articles, essays and working on two books (Ancient Peoples in Modern Times and a photo-essay about Indigenous Peoples at war). When I last talked with you I mentioned that I would be interested in contributing a column or some articles to your newspaper. As you know, for the past five years I have been involved in international indigenous affairs as Special Assistant to the President of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples and more recently the Consulor of the International Relations Portfolio of the National Congress of American Indians. I believe I have a perspective on Indian Affairs in the United States and in the context of international relations that would interest your readers.

While I am interested in writing a column or a series of articles in connection with international indigenous affairs I would, very much like to write an article based on my experience with the National Congress of American Indians. As you know, I served as NOAA's Acting Executive Director during a very tense period in May and June. I think your readers would be interested in the view of Indian Affairs from the seat of the NOAA executive director. While my discussion of that experience may be somewhat controversial, I believe your readers would find it both interesting and informative.

If after I write an NOAA Executive Director perspective on Indian Affairs article you are interested in a column from me we could talk about some kind of formal arrangement.

If you are interested in any of the above, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

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