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Dear Barney,

I thank you for copies of the EXPRESS and now the copies of materials published in CoEVOLUTION QUARTERLY. I will comment on the "controversy", but, first let me answer your question regarding West Papua.

I am in contact with the WEST PAPUAN PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE (more popularly known as the FREE PAPUA MOVEMENT). I met with some of the leadership in Australia several years ago, and more recently in Geneva in early August. I have been periodically monitoring the West Papuan situation over the last several years. While I was with the WCIP, I submitted materials on behalf of the MOVEMENT to the UN Petitioning body of the Decolonization Committee. Indonesia, of course, strenuously objected to those submissions, though, with the agreement of the Chairman I was able to get the materials officially recorded anyway. On the enclosed copy of FOURTH WORLD PAPERS you might note the most recent materials I have on hand concerning West Papua.

Now for the "dirty little controversy"!

As you are obviously well aware, Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz is a gad-fly looking for notoriety and she is willing to promote her "stupid line of reasoning" and her utter disregard for reality at the expense of indigenous peoples. Her kind of racist dogmatism is not at all uncommon among ideologs on the left or the right. I prefer to ignore her personally and at every opportunity advise brothers and sisters in the indigenous world to do the same. Her credibility is next to nil despite her frequent publications.

She tried to impose herself, earlier this week, on the WCIP General Assembly in Panama, and was rejected. She is attempting to stir the East-West, Left-Right forces at the Assembly and is consequently helping to create a good deal of confusion there. Fortunately, CWIS Founding Board Member Apesanahkwat (Chairman of the Menominee) is leading the National Congress of American Indians Delegation and is serving as the North American Delegate to the WCIP Executive Council -- he has been fully briefed on Roxanne and her antics. I am in daily contact with the NCAI Delegation.

I would be more than willing to make a contribution to the CoEVOLUTION QUARTERLY on the subject of the Indian War in Nicaragua. Of course, I would want to place it in the broader context of regional indigenous conflicts elsewhere in the world. Tell me, does the QUARTERLY use unsolicited papers? I need to know the specification for paper length, etc.

Barney, I want to know if you are still interested in working on a GLOBAL INDIGENOUS MAP. I would also like to know if you could develop a map illustrating regional indigenous conflicts throughout the world. If you are interested and have the time to do the work, I would like to work with you on such maps. I know I promised to send you a map begun by some Samis, and I haven't sent it yet, but perhaps a new start would get us down the road. These maps would be very useful to the Center and particularly for subscribers to the CWIS Journal (The founding edition is nearly ready to go to press.). The maps would also be useful to the Brothers and Sisters around the world who need a broader "picture" within which they can see themselves more clearly.

I have just been advised by a contact in Washington D.C. that the U.S. State Department has just concluded a "sole source" contract with a Antonia Greenman to conduct a "Research Study of Nicaraguan International Affairs". I have spoken with A. Wiggins about this. There is no doubt in my mind that the Miskito, Sumo and Rama issue will be a prominent part of the study. Do you know the person Greenman? Do you know anyone who might be able to find out more about the person?

As you may know, I met with A. Armstrong and a fellow by the name of M. Martinez in Geneva regarding possible Cuban influence to promote peace negotiations between Managua and MISURASATA. These discussions followed the Center's effort to involve Vanuatu in a similar process. Martinez said he is a speech-writer for Fidel. The recent events involving Ortega's invitation to Brooklyn are, I believe connected to the discussions in Geneva and the behind-the-scenes efforts of the Vanuatu Government. I believe we have made a little headway. I have agreed to Brooklyn's request to form an International Indigenous Observer Mission to be available to MISURASATA during their discussions with MISURA and potentially available to observe discussions between Managua and MISURASATA following Ortega's acceptance of Brooklyn's conditions. Do you think the New York based "anti-genocide" organization would be willing to assist the CWIS with funds (on an urgent basis) to support the International Indigenous Observer Mission? Please advise!

Warm regards,