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Dear Gerry:

As a follow-on from our conversation at the Spokane Riverside Park I am sending you information about the Center for World Indigenous Studies. I have enclosed the following documents:

1. CWIS Brief
2. FOURTH WORLD PAPERS

The Center currently has a part-time Administrator in Karen Whalen, a Fellow on Indigenous Religions who is presently engaged in organizing a "World Elders Conference" for 1986, two Senior Fellows (myself and George Manuel, a five person Board of Directors and a thirteen-member Founding Board including Apesanahkwat from Menominee, Yann Celene Uregie from the Kanak Liberation Front in New Caledonia, Lars Anders-Baer from Sami Land, Ralph Eluska and Jacob Marule from Africa among others. All persons connected with the Center are acting as individuals and do not formally represent an organization. We are expecting to add to our capabilities a Research Associate next month.

So far, the Center has been unsuccessful in attempts to attract foundation support. Our current support comes from several Indian Nations in the United States and Canada. Despite the small amount of funds, the Center has been able to function.

I hope you find the enclosed materials informative. Please write if you have further thoughts regarding the Center and your idea about creating a center in Albuquerque.

Regards,

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Chairman and Senior Fellow

Enclosures.