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Dear Professor Ryser:

In September of this year the University of Toronto Press will be publishing a book entitled, Pathways to Self-Determination: Canadian Indians and the Canadian State. This book comprised of twenty papers deals with the issue of self-government for Indians from a variety of perspectives. It is edited by Leroy Little Bear, J. Anthony Long and myself.

We are currently putting together a second volume for the University of Toronto Press, with the tentative working title, "Perspectives on Aboriginal Rights." We hope to publish approximately twenty papers in this book representing a variety of perspectives on the topic of aboriginal rights: historical, legal, political, philosophical, status, non-status, Dene, Inuit, provincial, federal, international, and so on. The contributors to this volume will be authorities on aboriginal rights. Given the current interest in, and concern over, aboriginal rights we expect this volume could have a significant impact on future policy and politics dealing with the aboriginal rights issue.

Our purpose in telling you all of this is to invite you to be one of the contributors to this book. Specifically, we would like to know if you are interested in writing a 15-25 page (double-spaced) paper on aboriginal rights from a cross-cultural perspective focussing on the political dimension, using a similar approach to that which you took in your previous paper for us ("Nation States, Indigenous Nations and the Great Lie"). In order to meet our publication deadline we would have to have your completed paper in our hands no later than AUGUST 30, 1983. Your paper will, of course, be subject to the approval of the editors and the University of Toronto Press.

We will be grateful to you if you will let us know as soon as possible whether or not you are interested in preparing a paper for the proposed book.

Sincerely

Menno Boldt  
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