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Dear Arne:

I am sending this letter and the enclosed article through you to Aslak, in part, because I hope you will read the article before passing it on. I suspect the Sami Institute is already aware that the World Bank has adopted and put in place a new loan policy which has profound implications for indigenous populations throughout the world -- including the Sami people. I would be interested in your comments regarding my article, and any other observations you may have regarding the Bank's indigenous policy.

Though the article is being published inside the United States I am interested in arranging the widest possible readership among indigenous populations. I am convinced that the Bank's new indigenous policy must be widely known among indigenous leaders and their followers because of its immediate implications. The potential for political and economic leverage initiated by indigenous groups is considerable; far more than can be gained through domestic laws and certainly far more than can be gained through the use of international Human Rights legislation.

I have reviewed the article with George Manuel, and he agrees that the Bank's policy is a matter of the greatest urgency. Please get the article to Aslak as soon as possible. He should be informed that I have sent the article to all of the WCIP executive Council members.

I am now working on a series of research and writing projects without financial sponsorship. I am working on a book with the working title, "Ancient Peoples and Modern Times". This book is premised on the idea that indigenous peoples are helping to reshape the international political landscape by breaking down nation-state boundaries. I am characterizing this process as a movement toward a new international political order.

Give my best wishes to Lars Anders Baer, Ole Henrik Magga and Sophica Ikio.

Regards,

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