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Dear Sirs:

Indigenous tribal populations have long been a subject for inquiry by sociologists and anthropologists; typically as a social or cultural phenomenon. As a member of a tribe myself, and a writer, I take a different view. I view indigenous populations as significant political and economic forces which affect the relations between nation-states; and the day-to-day lives of people within each nation-state.

The decisions indigenous leaders and their followers make have a profound affect on the social, economic and political lives of millions of people in the Western Hemisphere, Africa, the Middle East, South Pacific, Asia and Europe. At the center of the Soviet/Afganistan conflict there are fiercely independent tribes. The balance of power in Bolivia is held by the majority indigenous Quecheuas who are determining the fate of that state. The Palistinian peoples of the Middle East hold the key to peace in that region of the world. Indian Tribes along the Columbia and Colorado Rivers in the United States will determine whether Los Angeles and Phoenix will have an adequate water supply by the year 2000. The aboriginals of North Central Australia will determine whether the world's most important deposit of bauxite will be developed. The indigenous peoples of New Caledonia, known as the Kanak, will determine the future availability of one-third of the world's supply of nickle. The Zapotec, Quiche, Moskito and Pipil populations in Mexico and Central America will determine the future of these troubled countries. Little is understood about these populations by nation-state leaders and the general population except that indigenous populations are "primitive" and practice quaint customs.

I have written an article entitled : "The World Bank's New Indigenous Policy", which I intend to use as the basis for a book-length exposition on the steady decline of the State and the re-emergence of indigenous nations. My working title for this book is: "The Emerging International Political Order" The premise of the book is that nation-states are not forever. Small indigenous tribes and nations are emerging to break-down the nation-state, thus, giving rise to new national political alignments. I believe the subject has great significance for peoples everywhere. After reading the enclosed article could you please indicate whether you would have an interest in publishing such a book?

Sincerely,

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