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Dear Eloi:

Forgive me for not writing to you in the French, but as you may recall I can speak only a few words in the French language.

I am writing to you now to request information about the progress that has been made on the organization of the Pacific Region Conference on Indigenous Technology and Technology Selection. Last year, when we met in Canberra, as you may recall, we discussed at length the desirability of organizing the Technology Conference with the National Aboriginal Conference of Australia serving as the administering office in cooperation with you and your associates. Since we last met I have been in frequent contact with Mike Anderson of the National Aboriginal Conference -- he and I met for a week here at my home in the United States last September. He advised me then that he would be in contact with you to coordinate Conference organization activities. I have received no word of progress.

In June of 1981 I met with Monsieur Erskine Childers at the New York Office of the United Nations Development Program regarding UN assistance toward the organization of an Indigenous Technology Conference in the Pacific Region. He and his associates advised me to inform you and the NAC that you should approach the UN Development Office for the Pacific Region for funding assistance. They further advised that contact should be made with appropriate South Pacific national governments - perhaps Vanuatu or Papua New Guinea or the Australian Government -- to request their help. Each of these countries has an amount of money granted to them by the United Nations. These countries may assign some of their UN funds to the Indigenous Technology Conference. I conveyed this information to Monsieur Anderson when he and I met in September.

I would be very appreciative if you could advise me on your progress, and if you would send me any other information about your activities in connection with this conference relating to other potential participants from indigenous groups elsewhere in the Pacific.

I send you best wishes from the WCIP Executive Council and from the leadership of Indian tribes in North America.

Warm Regards,

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