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Dear Russel:

Last October I wrote the enclosed paper on the World Bank's "indigenous" policy in an effort to alert principal indigenous leaders in North America, SA, CA, the South Pacific and Northern Europe to the "wolf in sheep's clothing" nature of this new international policy. I had intended to send you a copy, and, indeed, I thought I had sent it to you in November. As I recall, you and I discussed the potential for encouraging international indigenous coordination regarding the WB's loan policy. I even mentioned this discussion to George Manuel (Can) and Juana Vasquez (mex). For some unexplained reason I didn't get a copy to you. Well, here it is. I am now reworking the paper into an article in preparation for joint publication with John Bodley at Washington State University.

As a follow-on from our most recent telephone communication regarding the prospect of organizing consultations between Micmac, Nitaskenan (Cree) and the Bella Coola-Mt. Curry Enclave I have discussed this idea with George Manuel and Chief Henry Quinney. Both have indicated interest in such consultations. I remain confident that these groups will benefit from such tri-lateral talks much more than from an on-going "coalition" as was set up a few weeks ago in Winnepeg.

While I was in Canada (February) I was asked to prepare a paper which treats the subject of future relations with Canada. The interest at the time was on the prospect an nature of Bi-lateral talks (exclusive of Section 37 (2) and the Canadian Constitution generally). My initial thinking on the subject is included in the enclosed paper re. political status. This paper is intended for the internal use of Nitaskenan. I would appreciate discussing the subject with you.

Regards,

Rudolph C. Ryser

3 November, 1982

MR. RUSSEL WOODRUFF, Chairman  
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Quileute Indian Tribe  
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Dear Russel:

You are invited to join other tribal leaders in a meeting with Mr. Anwar Barkat, Director of the Geneva, Switzerland based, World Council of Churches Program to Combat Racism. An afternoon conversation between Mr. Barkat and tribal representatives has been arranged by the Church Council of Greater Seattle, and the National Congress of American Indians on Wednesday, 10 November, 1982 at 3:30 pm. The meeting will take place in the offices of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, 4759 - 15th N.E. in Seattle.

The Program to Combat Racism was established by the WCC to provide public information concerning the problem of racism, and to provide financial support to populations suffering under the effects of racism. The WCC has become more active around the world in support of indigenous peoples' movements. Evidence of this activity includes their financial and technical support of Aborigines in Australia, Inuits in the circumpolar region and tribal populations in Zimbabwe in Southern Africa.

Mr. Barkat, a national of Pakistan, has begun to direct his Program's activities to support Indian populations in North America. He has expressed a specific interest in the situation of indigenous peoples living in Northwest U.S. and Southwest Canada.

The meeting is expected to be a two-way conversation on the WCC Program to Combat Racism, and key issues concerning Indian peoples in this part of North America. The meeting is also expected to center on the ways that the grant program Mr. Barkat represents might support Indian priorities. Some issues you may consider: Child welfare, land rights, economic and social conditions, and issues of racism which may have arisen in Indian/White relations. You may, of course, raise any issue of tribal, regional or international importance.

You should note that this meeting is, in part, preparatory to a World Council of Churches General

Assembly planned for Vancouver, British Columbia next summer. The 10 November meeting may have an important influence on the agenda of the General Assembly. If the General Assembly includes agenda items concerning Indians in North America, this event could have a major impact on Indian Rights in Canada and the United States for the next ten years. Church support of Indian Rights in North America could be enhanced through increased church financial support to Indian populations and Indian organizations. You may want to examine the enclosed copy of the WCC sponsored "Declaration of Barbados" for a clearer idea of where the WCC stands on American Indian issues. Your participation in this meeting may create new opportunities for your people as-well-as Indian peoples throughout North America.

In addition to the 3:30 pm meeting with Mr. Barkat, you are invited to attend a luncheon at 12:00 noon on the same day at the University Christian Church, 4731 - 15th Avenue N.E. Cost for the luncheon will be \$3.75. The luncheon is with Mr. Barkat. Please confirm your participation by calling Rudy Ryser at (206) 775-1007.

Yours sincerely,

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President

Similar correspondence has been sent to:

Councilman Russel Jim, Yakima Nation  
Vice Chairman Mel Tonasket, Colville Confederated Tribes  
Chairman Jean Fish, Sauk-Suiattel Indian Tribe  
Chief Mark Recalma, Qualicum Band  
Chief Wayne Christian, Spallmucheen Band of the Shuswap Nation  
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Enclosure: WCC: Declaration of Barbados