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Dear Henry:

At various times during the month of February I suggested to you, Sam Bull and Ed Burnstick the need for Nitaskenan to establish its visibility within the international arena as quickly as possible. A concrete suggestion I gave you was that Nitaskenan be formally represented at the July 10-20 Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Conference in Vanuatu. I suggested this for several reasons, including the following:

1. Establish communications directly with indigenous peoples in the South Pacific and along the Pacific Rim which share with Nitaskenan similar national political goals (i.e. establishment of an internationally recognized political status.).
2. Make direct contact with representatives of various "indigenous nation-states" which could be of direct help to Nitaskenan (i.e. Vanuatu, Nauru, Papua New Guinea).
3. Determine the potential for forming an "international indigenous front" with the National Kanak Liberation Front of New Caledonia and others.

While there are other reasons, I believe these are enough.

I have made direct contact with officials involved in organizing the Vanuatu Conference and determined that indigenous delegate selection from North America has not yet been settled. I am meeting with these representatives on March 31 in Seattle. I have been trying to contact you by phone about this, and have just now got finished with talking to Wallace Manyfingers in hopes of getting a message to you.

For your additional information I have enclosed copies of the Conference brochure.

Regards,

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March 21, 1983

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Dear Henry:

Enclosed, please find a copy of "Toward an Internationally Recognized Political Status" which I have written to address the question of future bi-lateral negotiations between Canada and various indigenous nations. I believe now the position of Nitaskeenan has been vindicated given the results of the Section 37 (2) conference. This enclosed paper was written to indicate some possible political goals for sovereign indigenous nations despite the Section 37 (2) conference.

As I have noted in earlier written materials, Nitaskeenan and other indigenous nations must move quickly to consolidate internal economic and political solidarity while formulating plans to conduct foreign relations. I hope this paper will be helpful in your deliberations.

I am interested in continuing work with you and look forward to your future successes.

Yours sincerely,

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