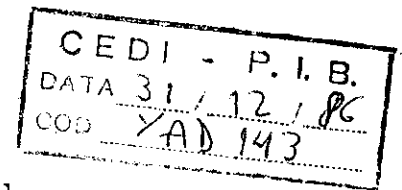


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Dear Claudia,

I received the recent letter you wrote to Ken Taylor describing the contributors to the Yanomami volume of the Levantimento. Unfortunately, I have been so busy with other things (mainly having to do with Guatemala) during the month of December that I have not been able to write the short article I promised in my letter of November. I have, however, begun to do some reading for the article and do have an outline. Next week, I am going to Florida for a week to be with Jeronimo Camposeco and the Mayan refugees. When I return, I will begin to write the article. I hope if you receive it in late January, it will not be too late for your efforts.

Howard Berman, a lawyer now working with Cultural Survival and affiliated with the Harvard Law School, is very interested in assisting with legal work on the international level on behalf of Brazilian Indians. Howard has been in Geneva on several occasions; spoke at the 1982 Washington conference; and represents the Six Nations Iroquois. I will be meeting with him on my return from Florida to discuss ways we can collaborate in terms of Brazil work. I would think that he and Curtis Berkey at the Indian Law Resource Center are the best people to do the international work, although neither of them speak or read Portuguese. If they could travel to Brazil for a short time to consult with the Pro-Indio lawyers in São Paulo, I think it will be useful. I would be willing to help either Howard or Curtis or both with international work. They are the best people I know to do this work, even more appropriate than some people who have worked with the Yanomami, but who may lack the appropriate judgement, expertise, and sensibility to really affect organizations like the UN and OAS.

I would also be very interested in knowing whether Bill Means presented any formal statement on behalf of the Yanomami at the UN Working Group meeting last year. If there are any copies of materials presented to UN on behalf of the Yanomami, I would like to integrate them into the article I am writing. I think, on reflection, that the major way in which the Yanomami **campaign has** contributed to the Indian movement in the exterior is by bringing the issue of Indian rights in Brazil before international forums such as the OAS, Russell Tribunal, and UN. I hope to discuss the significance of these international initiatives in my article, but I am lacking any materials on the presentation of the Yanomami issue before UN bodies. Your assistance would be useful on this.

Best wishes,

Sandy