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Dear Mr. Rockwell:

1 October 1997

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to you for taking our people out on your plane to witness the destruction of our rainforests in Nuxalk Territories. We were able to get video footage that was played at the House of Smayusta for the Elders to view. We would not have been able to cover as much territory without the aid of your plane. Most of our people have not seen the vast amount of logging that has occurred in the Nuxalk Traditional Territories.

We are a small organization with very little money. We cannot afford to take plane rides. It makes our position stronger when our people get a chance to witness for themselves the destruction of clearcut logging. The people who are against our stand have never seen how much logging has actually occurred. Nor have they seen the damage that results from logging. It would be good more people could witness this logging for themselves. Hopefully they may change their views on clearcut logging. It would also be good for children and chiefs to go out.

There are many more areas that have been and are still being logged. We would like to complete an inventory of all these areas. We may not be able to complete this inventory without your assistance. There is no video or photo record of the logged areas in their pristine state. Unfortunately, we may never have the chance to film these lands before they are logged.

Sincerely,

Hereditary Chief Sats'alanlh.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Schooner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name of the Hereditary Chief.

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