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THE ABORIGINAL TREATY COMMITTEE

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15 February 1983

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Dear Warwick,

The Aboriginal Treaty Committee plans to conclude its active campaign round the middle of 1983. This decision reflects our conviction that the Committee has achieved most of what it had hoped to do and that from here on responsibility for active advocacy should rest increasingly with Aboriginal agencies.

However we will be making further issues of Treaty News, will be completing our program of pamphlets and oral tapes, and plan to publish a book in which an account will be given of the Committee's work and the major issues involved in the Treaty idea. This book will conclude with a document outlining the 'Heads of Agreement' which in the Committee's view might serve as a basis for public discussion and negotiations directed to the conclusion of a Treaty.

As you know the Treaty Committee has assembled a great deal of material arising from its work and holds stocks of pamphlets, books, tapes and other material which should be accessible to interested persons. We will also need some accommodation from which work on the preparation of the proposed book can be conducted.

I understand that it has been suggested that the Institute would be prepared to provide us with storage and working space and to incorporate the Committee's material into its records and archives. We would be very interested to explore this possibility with you and your staff.

Perhaps you could suggest a member of your staff with whom Judith Wright our Secretary, and Heather Rusden who works for the Committee and administers its office, could confer. The Committee would be grateful for your help in these matters.

Yours sincerely,

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(H.C. COOMBS)
Chairman

This all done by phone etc.

to be reported by M Seelby.

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Letter from H Coombs to Principal AIATSIS re ending of Committee and using AIAS as a storage place and base for further publications (a332584_3_a.pdf)

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