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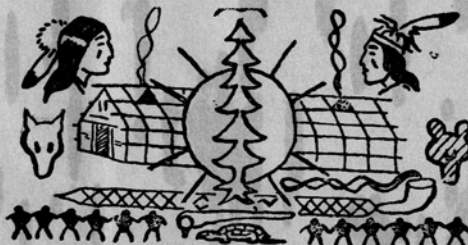
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*St. Regis Mohawk Reservation
Hogansburg, New York*

May 26, 1946

Mr. James Willard Schultz
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Dear Friend:

From time to time members of our Mohawk Tribe have read books w
on the life of the old Blackfeet people written by yourself. They have
found these writings interesting and educational. They have been pleased
at the way that you have written of the truth concerning their old
people.

For years the Indian people have been pictured as all being savages,
little better than the wild beasts of the forests. Any contribution that
Indians have made has been carefully hidden from the eyes of the youth
of America. Unfortunately most historians, due to wars, misunderstandings
and prejudice, have painted the Indians in an unfavorable light. This
attitude has hindered progress in many cases of Indian people who have
sought to live in this modern civilization which belongs to us all and
to which all peoples have contributed. The average white person fails to
see that the Indian had a good history and culture, that he had made a
contribution. They only see him as a block in the way of progress. Only too
well do we Indian people know this.

When the members of our Indian organization read your books and
saw how you did not hesitate to tell the real truth of our fathers, their
hearts were made happy. We are tired of wrong attitudes concerning our
people. We want to be recognized as men. We know that we, as well as every
race, have made our contribution toward the betterment of the world. We want
the past and sometimes present attitudes concerning us changed. We know
that to reach the hearts of young men and women-history books must be
changed giving the Indians a fair place. We think that your many books on
Indian life help change that wrong attitude of the white race. We have
found that you, Mr. Schultz do not hesitate to tell what you have found to
be true. That is why, Mr. Schultz, we are happy to know of your work and we

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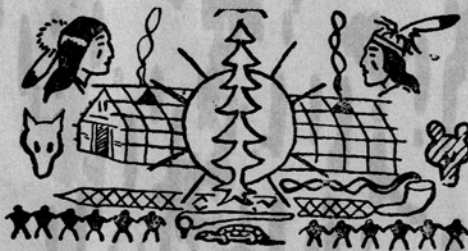
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want to express our thanks. Because of your words we want to shake you by the hand, if only on paper, and call you our friend.

Again thanking you for your good work and asking our Great Creator, who knows our true story, to grant you and yours long life and to give you the power to write many more such books.

We remain your friends,

Akwesasne Mohawk Counselor Organization

Ray Fadden, "Aren Akwesne"
Ray Fadden, Secretary