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Dear Dr. Yellen:

Re: Indian Language Trees

In response to Richard Louttit's letter to me of April 1, I am writing to you at his suggestion. I would appreciate it if you would call me at 813-656-5402 any afternoon around 4 p.m. I spend four to six hours a day in my office working on the Indian language tree project logging into the computer Laura Hubler's letters from 1966 onward in order to gain more insight into this remarkable woman, and I would not like to miss a call from you.

As I mentioned to Mr. Louttit, time is of the essence in trying to locate and preserve these trees. Many have been cut because they were deemed "ugly, deformed and useless," and others in the past cut down for making plow handles because their unusual shape was prized. Still others have been preserved because of Hubler.

I am sorry that Mr. Louttit believes that this project does not stand a high probability of receiving support. I sincerely hope that you do not believe the same. In fact, I doubt if there has ever been a case where the profession of Archaeology could claim a trophy of "living" cultural antiquities, or the National Science Foundation the honor of helping preserve this living legacy for generations to come.

I appreciate your taking time to discuss this project with me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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