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Bundespraesidialamt
zu Hd. Herrn Bundespraesident Gauck
Spreeweg 1
D-10557 Berlin
Germany

Dear President Gauck:

I am writing today regarding *Friends United*, a project to promote Aboriginal culture throughout the world. The project has been developed by Rolf Bouman, who immigrated to Nova Scotia from his native Germany several years ago.

Mr. Bouman has created a special book featuring Aboriginal artists from Nova Scotia, entitled *Friends United*, and has assisted many of our First Nations people in their endeavors to promote Aboriginal culture and serve as cultural Ambassador's for Nova Scotia and Canada. I understand that a copy of *Friends United* will be presented to members of the German Parliament.

The *Friends United* book has received the endorsement of my government, and that of previous Premiers of Nova Scotia. I hope that you will also see the *Friends United* project as an important cultural endeavour which is helping to build bridges between Europe and Canada.

In closing, I encourage you to visit our beautiful province and experience our culture and heritage in person. There is much to see and experience in Nova Scotia, and we welcome many German visitors every year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Darrell E. Dexter', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Darrell E. Dexter, Q.C., M.L.A.
Premier of Nova Scotia

c. Mr. Rolf Bouman