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Dear Mr. Stone:

I attended the June meeting in Seattle. I am not a member of any particular group--just an interested citizen. Initially, I was supportive of the Makah's taking of a whale but I realized that that was because I just didn't know the facts of the proposal. I thought they might be proposing to take one whale but not annually just to maintain that part of their culture and to exercise their treaty right. When I read that the proposal was for 20 whales during a 5-year period, my support vanished.

I know that you are studying the impact of this proposal on the number of whale population as well as other affected species and how it affects the environment of the ocean. Then there is the Whaling Commission and the global need to protect whale populations. It is complicated, I know. I do not think that the Makah's proposal is a good one.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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