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*Bij beantwoording de datum  
en ons kenmerk vermelden.  
Wilt u slechts één zaak in uw  
brief behandelen.*

Date June 29, 2011

Concerns Mahican Tribe and Mi'kmaq Tribe v. Canada, France, Netherlands,  
Portugal, Russia, Spain, United Kingdom and United States

Dear Mister Metallic,

I am writing in reference to two packages of legal documents, which I have received in between the end of March and the end of April. In these documents the Netherlands is mentioned as a party in a case that is lodged by Mr. Van Guilder and yourself against a number of countries. The case seems to entail certain jurisdictional and constitutional issues regarding the territorial sovereignty of Indian tribes. It is my understanding that you and Mr. Van Guilder are unsatisfied with the case law of the United States Supreme Court relating to the sovereignty of Indian tribes.

However, I do not see how the Netherlands could play any role in such a dispute. Therefore I hereby inform you that the documents delivered to me do not provide reasons for me to take further actions. Any further correspondence will therefore remain unanswered.

I trust to have informed you sufficiently.

With kind regards,  
The minister of Security and Justice,  
On his behalf,

J.T.K. Bos  
Director Legislative Office