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Bundeskanzlerin
Dr. Angela Merkel
Platz der Republik 1
D-11011 Berlin
Germany

Dear Chancellor Merkel:

It was a pleasure to welcome you to Nova Scotia last summer. I consider Germany a valuable cultural and economic partner and look forward to future engagement with your country.

I am writing today regarding Friends United, a cultural project initiated by Rolf Bouman who immigrated to Nova Scotia from Germany several years ago. Mr. Bouman has developed a book featuring Nova Scotian Aboriginal artists and has assisted our artists in becoming cultural ambassadors 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.

Once again, it was an honour to have you visit Nova Scotia and I hope we will be able to once again welcome you to our province in the future.

Sincerely,

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

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

c. Mr. Rolf Bouman