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Dear colleagues:

As some of you may already know, Pat Lyon, Beth Conklin, and Jeffrey Ehrenreich are planning a follow-up edited volume to *Native South Americans: Ethnology of the Least Known Continent*, which Pat first published in 1974. The Waveland reissue of the book (1984) is no longer in print. Because the literature on the (formerly) "least known continent" has grown so enormously over the past four decades, we will edit the volume based on what is already in print to date (that is, we are not soliciting new articles for this book). It is our intention to put together a collection of readings that will serve as a broad academic introduction to the ethnology of lowland South America, one that would be accessible for use in college and university undergraduate courses. Thus, we will be looking for articles that meet, individually and ultimately taken together, a number of the following criteria:

- highly readable
- highly teachable
- ethnographically (empirically) significant
- theoretically and/or historically significant
- not excessively lengthy (except in very specific special cases)
- available for republication with minimum cost and red tape

It is our hope that you will share with us two important pieces of information for this project concerning your own work and teaching preferences:

1) Of the work you have published (journal articles, book chapters, chapters in edited volumes, etc.) what two pieces of yours do you believe would be most appropriate for such an edited volume? If you can, would you please send a hard copy of your chosen works to Pat and a PDF file to Beth and Jeffrey? Again, if possible, please do this asap, and no later than September 30. We will be engaged in the selection process beginning this summer.

2) What are your favorite 5 articles by other authors that you would recommend to be included in such a volume?

The volume we have planned will initially appear in English. However, we are open to receiving suggestions that currently are available only in Spanish, Portuguese, French, or German. We are also happy to receive the e-mail addresses of any colleagues you believe might be interested in this project. We greatly appreciate your input and suggestions for this project. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards, Jeffrey, Pat, and Beth

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