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Dear Mr. Raddall-

My friend Marjory Whitelaw tells me you may be able to give me some information about Indian languages in the Maritimes. I am trying to stir up some interest in preserving them by recordings and writing them down before they disappear. I was sorry to learn that there is no Canadian on the Committee for the study of native American languages, whose secretary is Prof. Lunsbery at Yale. Can you tell me if there is any field work being done from any of the universities down your way, or by anyone else? Of course a great deal has been done, but there are gaps, and there is a lack of a center for gathering together the information available. Prof. Lounsbery thinks one should aim at an encyclopedia of these North American languages, with one person doing each family, Iroquois, Algonkin, Salish, etc. and including a bibliography on each. I'd be glad to hear from you.

Cordially yours

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