

We Yanomami are very concerned about (the situation of) our blood and thus are sending you this letter. A long time ago the whites took our blood and this concerns us greatly. This is the reason I am sending this letter to you North American people. Many years ago they stole our blood in Toototobi and took it away. We are still very saddened by this (act). Today, those of us who are left, after hearing what happened, have become very concerned and saddened by (the situation of) our blood. Why do you keep our frozen blood?

Our concern will only end when you North Americans return our blood. You white people drew (took) the blood of people who had already died and we want to get rid of (bury) the blood of our dead. Which is why we are sending this letter to you North American people.

If you use this blood for research we will really become very upset. We, the children of these people, want the blood returned. Our concern will only cease when we destroy (bury) this blood, which is the reason we are sending this letter to the United States.

Our concern will only end when you return our blood. This is why we have written this letter requesting that our blood be returned. If you do not return our blood our preoccupation will not cease. Thus we ask that you really help us because if you don't our concern will not end.

Why are we concerned?

We are concerned because this blood is ours. We were unaware (of the situation of our blood) until recently because no one had said anything before, but today we know and we will never forget. This is why we are sending this letter.

This is all we wish to say.

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