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To whom it may concern

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With the Humboldt Forum, a whole new cultural district is being created in the very heart of Berlin housing the unique collections of the Ethnologisches Museum and the Museum für Asiatische Kunst on 17,000 square meters exhibition space. Together with the other collections on Museum Island, they will offer one of the world's most comprehensive overviews of the world's art and cultures that spans the ages as well as the continents.

In 1881 the Berlin Museum für Völkerkunde, which is Ethnologisches Museum today, sent Captain Johan Adrian Jacobsen to the American Northwest Coast. He not only collected thousands of objects making him the single largest collector in the museum's history but also wrote an extensive journal on his travels. In Humboldt Forum these reports will be the base of a large exhibition examining the practice of collecting ethnological objects in the 19th century using Johan Adrian Jacobsen as role model.

Because of his importance we gladly support the "Captain Adrian Jacobsen Society" by sharing documents, images and knowledge both on the artifacts collected during his travels and Jacobsen as a person. The Society can play a vital role as information platform to combine and share the knowledge held in various institution's archives to help understanding Jacobsen ambivalent role and achievements.

Sincerely,

Stefan Muechler