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Dear Madeline:

The Multicultural History Society has decided to publish the papers presented at the conference on the Francophone Diaspro in North America. We are now at the stage of the final presentation of manuscripts for publication. I have read your paper and have a few suggestions for revision. As you will note, they concern primarily the presentation of the material.

1. Your paper needs a brief introduction stating the objectives of the paper and describing briefly the kind of analysis you carry out in it.
2. Page 2 and top of Page 3: In order to describe the occupational situation of French mother-tongue people in the New England states it would have been useful to present their occupational distribution for all six states combined. Once the total pattern would have been presented (for men and women separately) then you could have proceeded with the state by state results. This would have included the observation that Vermont and Connecticut are at the extremes as far as blue collar, farming, and service occupations are concerned. Then you could describe how the four other states fit somewhere between these two extremes. This description would be done first for men and then for women. *to do*
MSS.
3. At the bottom of Page 4, you say that you can hypothesize that "ethnicity explains the occupational pattern in New England". I think you should use mother-tongue instead of ethnicity. The concept of ethnicity is not really applicable here, especially with regard to the category of English-speakers. This category is ethnically a very heterogeneous one. *Recalculate*
4. Page 8. Bottom of page. It is true that there is an over-representation of the French in blue collar occupation. I would indicate at this point, however, that this over representation is small.
5. A minor point. I would use the expression tabulations or cross-tabulations instead of cross-tabs (see bottom of Page 1).

I hope you are prepared to undertake these minor revisions and that you are prepared to undertake them in the near future. Our objective is to have all manuscripts ready to send to the publisher by the end of October. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Thank you very much for your collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Raymond Breton".

Raymond Breton

RB/dw