Participants in A Seminar on the Cultural Impact of Extraterrestrial Contact contributed to the value of the event through preconference writing of statements on individual agenda topics and by sharing in discussion sessions the results of their considerable study and reflection on the subject. Further, several of the participants, along with two additional scientists, were invited to submit scholarly papers for this report to shed further light on particular aspects of this large issue. These papers include:

The Role of the Social Sciences in SETI
By Albert A. Harrison, John Billingham, Steven J. Dick, Ben Finney, Michael A. G. Michaud, Donald E. Tarter, Allen Tough, and Douglas A. Vakoch – Page 71

The Cosmic Environment for the Growth of Complexity
By Eric J. Chaisson – Page 87

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How Old Is ET?
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How to Achieve Contact: Five Promising Strategies
By Allen Tough – Page 115

The Contact Hypothesis: On the Impossibility of Sustained and Mutually Beneficial Contact between Aliens, and Two Proofs to the Contrary
By Reed D. Riner – Page 127

SETI, Consilience, and the Unity of Knowledge
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Speculations on the First Contact: Encyclopedia Galactica or the Music of the Spheres?
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