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5th January, 1953

Dear Sir Brian,

This is just an unofficial note for perusal and the wastepaper basket. Honor and I went to see Her Majesty when she was in Sydney a week ago and we got talking about the Second South Pacific Conference.

I mentioned the great role played by Tungi at the First Conference and said I hoped that he would be in good fettle for the forthcoming one.

The Queen then said that according to present arrangements Tungi would not attend the Second Conference, owing to her absence from the Kingdom attending the Coronation. She added that Tungi had discussed the matter with her before she left for New Zealand and, after some thought, that had been her decision.

I naturally expressed regret and pointed out that Tungi was in a real sense looked up to as a leader by all attending the First Conference and I was sure had a big part to play in future gatherings. The Queen listened with some interest to our protestations and finally said she would have another talk with Tungi and see if ways and means could not be found for him to attend.

Yours sincerely,

John

Sir Brian Freeston, K.C.M.G., O.B.E.,
Secretary-General,
South Pacific Commission,
NOUMEA, New Caledonia.

Personal

6th January, 1953

Dear Major Swinbourne,

Just a brief note to say that most unfortunately we shall not be able to take advantage of your offer to reserve the January meeting of the "Pacific Islands Society" for a symposium by the staff on the work of the Social Development section of the South Pacific Commission.

The fact is that on the date of the meeting I shall either be away from Australia or on vacation and, apart from that, with the present pressure of work there is no one on the staff who can find the necessary time to organize the talks. And they would, I fear, need a good deal of organizing and co-ordination.

Perhaps some other time later on in the year we may be all together here and with more leisure.

With best wishes for 1953,

Yours sincerely,

J.C.M.

Major C.A. Swinbourne, O.B.E.,
183 Sydney Road,
FAIRLIGHT.

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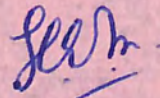
My dear Stoddart,

Having visited Pitcairn some half dozen times and once spent nearly a year on the island the people have unfortunately come to look on me as a sort of unofficial councillor.

When Sir Brian Freeston was High Commissioner it was agreed that, rather than disappoint them, I should answer their letters, taking care to point out that any views expressed were not unofficial, and at the same time sending a copy of the correspondence to the Chief Secretary to give him an opportunity of correcting my more blatant errors.

In continuation of this practice I enclose copies of letters from and to Andrew Young, Island Secretary, on the interpretation of Law No. 77 in the local code.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

The Hon. A.F.R. Stoddart,
Colonial Secretary,
Government of Fiji,
Government Buildings,
SUVA, Fiji.

Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY.

13th January, 1953

Dear Andrew,

I am sorry not to have replied before to your letter of the 18th September, but better late than never. I keep on going to and from the islands and find it difficult to catch up with the correspondence.

About the guns, as you know I cannot give you an official opinion on this matter as I am no longer connected with the Government. But my private view is that Mr. Moverley and Mr. Dobbs are right in thinking that each person must pay a fee of 1/- for each gun in his possession.

I know that was not the old rule but it was what we meant when Law 77 was drawn up. And I have shown the Law to some of the lawyers here and they all consider the words to mean 1/- for each gun.

But I don't blame you for making a mistake on this point, because the Law is not clearly written.

My wife is here in the room while I am writing this and she joins me in sending her affectionate good wishes to Katie and yourself, and all the family. We often feel we would like to be back on Pitcairn again where folks were always so kind. Alaric is 14 years old now and doing well at school

Yours very sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

Mr. Andrew Young,
PITCAIRN ISLAND.

Eastern Pacific.

Pitcairn Island

18th September 1952.

Mr. H. E. Maude.

Dear Sir;

I suppose I am doing something again which I should not do, but I feel just like asking you to confirm if Law 77. means that if a man hold four gun in his possession, he should pay ~~£4~~ four shillings, shilling for each gun. Since 1940 to 1950 we have been paying one shilling for as many gun a man hold a year, but Mr. Moverley and Mr. Dobbs said the Law means one shilling for each gun. Will you please confirm if thats what it means.

At present we are having good weather of course it has been very bad lost two ships on account of bad weather, which we cant afford.

Trusting this find you and yours all well as it is with us here, I am taking Katie on the Station with me which she enjoy very much of cause I dont suppose we will be here very long more after McCoy come home and take things over when the new set they are sending arrived, hope he make good success out of it.

Waiting for your confirmation on my question, and all the family joins me in sending there best wishes and kind regards to you all.

I am,

Yours sincerely.

Andrew Young.

Andrew young

Pen.

19th January, 1953

Dear Mme. de Dragffy,

Sorry not to have thanked you before for so kindly retrieving Dr. Keesing's articles for me. One was actually rather important for our work or I would not have bothered you: we have since had it photostated for others.

You mention "The Micronesians of Yap and their Depopulation" C.I.M.A. Report No. 24 and ask when this is appearing in our accession list. Miss Leeson tells me she has the Report but that she presumes that, like all the C.I.M.A. Reports, it is accessioned at Noumea and only on indefinite loan to us. How about settling it with her when you come over?

No, we have not got a copy of Williams "A Narrative of Missionary Enterprises", but there is one in my own library available on loan at any time. We use the two libraries as complementary and when the cataloguing is completed I am sending duplicate cards to you so that you can also borrow as desired.

Many thanks for the kind wishes from your husband and yourself, which are cordially reciprocated. We look forward to seeing you here in the near future and, in the meantime, I'm afraid that you are right about Laurenz: he will not come, though we keep hoping.

Yours sincerely,

AS
L. A.E.M.

P.S. I am off to Orange so please excuse Helen signing this for me. I did really write it out in my own fair hand, and on a Sunday too.

Mme. E. de Dragffy,
South Pacific Commission,
NOUMEA, New Caledonia.

Miss Leeson,

Have we got a copy
of Williams' "a number of
Innovating Enterprises"? I have
not taken it, if we have, as
I have my own. No.

2. I take it that the
C.I.N.A. Report No. 24, mentioned
by Mrs de Duffly, will appear
in a forthcoming accession list?

Not given to me. J.L.M.

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In reply, please quote J/17/c/1

17th December, 1952.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL EJD/NB

H. Maude Esq.,
Executive Officer for Social Development,
South Pacific Commission,
26 Lower Boyle Street,
CREMORNE, N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Maude,

I am sorry it took me so long to locate the two articles although I started the search on the very day I received your letter of the 4th December; it was the result of my trying with all my might to convince consecutively three members of the staff of the American Consulate of their being in possession of them !

I did'nt succeed though, and it delayed my search with members of our own staff, of which I picked out 5 wrong ones first, I suppose from sheer lack of imagination. I was on the point of going to Dr. Guiart's laboratory, whom I know to be absent, but who has a remarkably good secretary-cataloguer, with a view to borrow the articles for you, when I decided to tackle Dr. Ojala first this morning and lo and behold although he thought he had forwarded them to you, he dug them out of the ± 200 publications which he keeps in his office, in the rather forlorn but still unquenchable hope of finding the time to read.

As Dr. Ojala seemed rather loath to part with them, I compromised so that the 2 publications are catalogued here with a note on the cards, that they have been forwarded to the Social Development Section, of the Library. In this way they need not appear in your accession lists.

I hope, however, to find at a for you convenient time, on an accession list the C.I.M.A. Report N^o 24, which I handed to you before you left here in October, to wit:

The Micronesians of Yap and their Depopulation.

Report of the Peabody Museum Expedition to Yap
Island. Micronesia 1947 - 1948.

Peabody Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

I avail myself of this opportunity to enquire whether you are in possession of: A Narrative of Missionary Enterprises by J. Williams.

It appeared on the last list of second hand books received from

David Strang. In case you do not have it the Secretary-General wishes me to purchase.

I had a very cheerful letter from Daya by Saturday's mail. She seems to settle into her new life very well, was really happy to see Fiji back again and she likes her house immensely; only the heat is a bit over bearing.

I doubt whether you will ever persuade Dr. Baes Becking to come to your place. He will appreciate your invitation tremendously in his solitude; He will even be full of the best intentions to go till the moment he really has to move. He will then suddenly by collapse.

Nicholas and I send our very best wishes to Mrs Maude and to you for a happy Christmas and a good New Year without doctors. We will all be looking forward to having you both here in 1953.

I hope to be able to complete the arrangements for my sejour in Sydney in January and to tell you then about a rather interesting discovery I made at the occasion of Mr. Burmester's visit.

Yours sincerely,

Librarian.

Radio Station Taro Ground.

Pitcairn Island

Mr. H.E. Maude,
Sydney. Australia.

12th February 1958.

Dear Mr. Maude;

Your very much welcome letter arrive here five days ago which is on our Sabbath, it was a day to be remembered when two big ships with passengers laying off the island together, it was a big lost to us as they arrived here on that day when we dont do any business.

Well I thank you very much for your reply to my question about the Gun License, as it will save lots of talking in the future. I am very please to tell you that condition on the Island is very much improved since Mr. Sanders take over, he put every man in his place and not to interfere in other person duty, he is a very nice man also his Wife the people like them both. Mr. Allen and Wife so far will be Just like the Sanders, they are asociating with the people in our sports and games, etc. also Pastor Ferris and Wife, he took the Boys down to Oeno three weeks ago, to give Clarence a little exoerience in navigating which study he is taking up now.

So far it seems as if McCoy's trip to New Zealand has make him feel a bit smaller than he was before he went, good for him too. as Mr. Allen is watching him how he acts.

Well Katie is here with me tonight and she wishes to be remembered to both you and Mrs Maude, and thank you for your kind wishes we are all well, and hope the same with you all.

Clarence married while in New Zealand, and have a Boy now 3 years old. they wish to be remembered to you as well.

Yours sincerely.

Andrew Young.

Andrew Young

Pentagon Building,
Anse-Vata,
NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA.

19th February, 1953.

Dear Mr. Maude,

I am very sorry that, having imposed on you last week in asking you to take a packet to Sydney for me, I was most remiss in not giving you particulars of the contents for Customs purposes. I can only say in self-defence that I was so elated to have the opportunity of sending the gift of perfume to my sister in time for her birthday that I completely overlooked this courtesy until you had left (in your usual cloak-and-dagger manner!).

I do hope that my negligence caused you no embarrassment and that you will let me know as soon as possible if you paid any Customs duty on my behalf, so that in one way at least I may try to expunge a bad impression I may easily have given.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Lila Steege

Mr. H.E. Maude, O.B.E.,
Executive Officer for Social Development,
South Pacific Commission,
26 Lower Boyle Street,
CREMORNE, N.S.W.

Group-Capt- W. E. Carr

15, Crescent St.

Hunter's Hill

25th February, 1953.

Dear Maude,

To-day we went up to get a visa for Basje to enter Australia, but we learnt, to our surprise, that this was not possible without referring back to Canberra. David Anderson will do this to-day by letter-cable, putting in short the information about the case in question and he suggested that I approach you, to see whether you could do something to speed up the issuing of the visa at the Sydney end.

The question seems to be that Basje, not being a full-time boarder at a school, needs to satisfy the accommodation arrangements. David pointed out that if it was mentioned that she had a job and was earning money, it would be still more difficult, so he suggested that it would be better not to stress the point that she will be earning money, but that she will be staying with the Carr family, without mentioning further details. He further said to mention that she will follow some courses, to make it clear that she will be a student.

It all seems a little bit confused, but the idea is to establish that she is a student and not a worker and that her accommodation arrangements are made.

David suggested that you could assist by getting in contact by telephone with the Sydney Department of Immigration and clear up the position there, so that as soon as the request from Canberra comes in to the Sydney Department, they can give favourable advice without having to find out all about this case.

They expect the delay will be at least a week, and we were obliged to cancel Basje's reservation on the Saturday plane and have to wait the reply from David Anderson before we can make another reservation. However, we can expect it will not be later than about 10th March.

I am awfully sorry that I have to ask you again to help us out, but this seems to be the only way to get a speedy delivery of the visa we need for Basje. Would it be possible to send us Mr. Carr's address, so that we can write to him directly and tell him how much we appreciate his taking care of her, and tell him, perhaps, some particulars of what we would like or what he should know before he takes Basje into his house.

Thank you very much in advance. Margaret and Basje join me in sending you our best wishes and kindest regards.

*Sincerely yours
J. Carr*

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Mr. H. E. Maude,
South Pacific Commission,
26 Lower Boyle Street,
Sydney.

Dear Maude,

Helen tells me that you are coming down to Melbourne for the film festival and that possibly Nancy is coming along also. Muriel and I would very much like you to come and have dinner with us one night if you can spare an evening from your other engagements.

As I can well imagine that you will have a great many other engagements we have kept the whole of that week free, so that you can select whatever evening suits you. I do not know whether or not Mrs. Maude is coming with you, but if she is we do, of course, hope she will come along too.

Incidentally, if you are coming down by plane, as I imagine you will be, I hope you will allow us to lay on transport for you if you have any complicated places to get to, as inter-suburban transport in Melbourne is not at all convenient. This is a genuine offer, since Muriel and I always regard it as a real pleasure to drive other people about in the car and play truant from our own cares for a time!

All good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Per.

2nd March, 1953

Dear Mr. Greene,

I had a letter from Pusinelli by the last mail regarding Binatake Tokatake, who is to go to the Coronation via Australia.

Pusinelli says that Binatake arrives from Ocean Island some time before the 19th May and that you have kindly agreed to mother him during his stay in Melbourne.

I shall do the same in Sydney so would you please give me as long notice as you can when to expect him. I can then arrange for his meeting and accommodation.

I have also advised Pusinelli that we can see to his outfitting for the United Kingdom in Sydney, provided he is here long enough.

It is ages since we met: I suppose that you have by now settled down, like myself, to spending the remainder of your days here. I ran across Mr. Gaze on Thursday night at a missionary party and had a talk on old times.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Roger Greene,
British Phosphate Commission,
Phosphate House,
515 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, Vic.

2nd March, 1953

Dear Miss Steege,

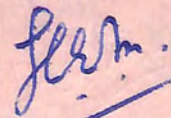
How kind of you to write about the parcel for your sister, but as a matter of fact you needn't have as I am quite accustomed to carrying a miscellaneous collection of parcels for Pentagonians and seldom have any clear idea of what the contents are.

Being a law abiding citizen I always enter them on the Customs form as so many parcels "Contents Unknown" and invite the Customs man to open them himself if he wants to know what is in them. I find they never do in practice and as a consequence I have never been asked to pay any duty on them.

To be truthful I have learned not to worry about the contents of the parcels since the day when I opened one (because it was rattling so) and found it a beautiful vase in imminent danger of being broken. So I wrapped around it a selection of my undies, re-packed it and promptly forgot the matter. I heard later that the recipient was quite intrigued as to why her sister had sent her a present of half a dozen men's underpants, or indeed, why she should come to have them herself.

I hope every prospect continues to please in Noumea.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Leila Steege,
C/- South Pacific Commission,
NOUMEA, New Caledonia.

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Carr.

5th March, 1953

Dear Sir,

I was expecting Miss Basje Govaars, the step-daughter of a friend and colleague of mine, Dr. P. Loosjes, to arrive by last Saturday's plane from Noumea.

I am now informed by Dr. Loosjes, however, that he has been unable to obtain a visa for Miss Govaars pending the receipt by the Australian Consul in Noumea of permission from the authorities at Canberra.

The Consul stated that he would request such permission by letter-cable to the Department in Canberra, who would no doubt get in touch with you before taking action.

He suggested, however, that I should write to you direct explaining that Miss Govaars is to stay with Group Captain W.E.Carr at 15 Crescent Street, Hunter's Hill, for the time being, while my wife and I make enquiries about completing her education in Sydney. It may be that she will be able to take her courses while continuing to stay with the Carrs but in any case she always has an alternative home with us, where she has lived before. At the present stage the most important thing is that she should improve her mastery of colloquial English by living with an English-speaking family.

Miss Govaars' step-father holds a senior executive position with the South Pacific Commission, at its headquarters in Noumea. Her two brothers are being educated at Newington College, Stanmore, and we act as their guardians while they are in Australia.

The Director,
Department of Immigration,
18-20 York Street,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

If there is any other information which you would like to have regarding Miss Govaars, would you please ring me at my office (XY.5132) or home (JW.1460).

Yours faithfully,

H.E.M.

H. E. Maude.
Executive Officer for Social
Development.

5th March, 1953

Dear Loosjes,

Sorry there has been a hold-up about Basje getting here. Honor explained the situation to the Carrs and they were quite happy (and well briefed by the end of the conversation).

I enclose a copy of a letter I have sent to the Department in Sydney, as requested (ringing them does not seem to do much good) and hope all goes well. The letter incidentally gives the name, title and address of Mr. Carr.

Please cable us when to meet Basje, as soon as you know.

Yours sincerely,

SLM.

Dr. P. Loosjes,
South Pacific Commission,
NOUMEA, New Caledonia.

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Dear Maude

Many thanks for your and all your serious People's
kind and cordial wishes on the occasion of my
appointment as a governor. You will understand
that we were not altogether too happy to see my that
I could stay only such a short time in Holland.

The parliamentary work appealed to me and there are
many topics which are most interesting. If I had
not known that I had to go back to New Guinea I
would have been studying polders and Holm-boards
now.

But I need not look for work now. I will be back in
New Guinea towards the end of April and there are lots of
things to do before I leave.

Please give my regards to all people in your office.
I am much in debt to ~~many of you~~ ^{some of them} as far as letter-
writing is concerned. I owe a letter to De Heer and
an answer to a Christmas-card sent to me by

Kelen Steijs. Please offer them my humble
excuses and apologies. I feel pretty sure that I will not
find an opportunity to fulfill my duties in that
respect and I would like them to know that I
appreciate their letters very much.

I hope I will see some of you (or all of you, ^{really}
but I suppose that will not so easily happen)
at Hollands. You are very welcome.

Yours sincerely

Bestman

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Mr. H.E. Maude,
2, Netherby Street,
Wahroonga, N.S.W.
AUSTRALIA.

March 16th, 1953.

Dear Mr. Maude,

I was most grateful to you for your very full and interesting letter on Co-operation in Fiji of January 9th. We would not be able to use a film-strip on the Co-operative Movement in Fiji, but I am passing on the information to the Co-operative Party which is interesting itself in co-operation in the Colonies. I am so glad that you found my pamphlet New Hope in Asia of some interest, and you would probably like to know that Miss Nicholson is writing a pamphlet for discussion purposes on Co-operation in the Colonies for the Co-operative Union which we hope will be available shortly. I will certainly send you a copy as soon as it is printed.

I quite understand your need for 'simply written and practical booklets' and I am sure you will be interested in a pamphlet that has been published by the I.L.O. I am enclosing a leaflet which gives an outline of its contents. I have bought it myself and find it most useful. I should also like to mention that Mr. W.K.H. Campbell, the world-wide co-operative expert has just published a book on Practical Co-operation in Asia and Africa. The book is written for registrars and members of Co-operative Departments and is full of detailed comment on the Model Ordinance, the by-laws, the organisation of credit and supply societies, marketing and retail societies etc. It is not written in simple language but the information given can be adapted and re-written to meet the needs of the officers and members of village societies. [I hope at some point you will be visiting this country. It would give us and others working on

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Co-operation in the Colonies so much pleasure to discuss our
problems with you. We are so appreciative of all that you
have done.

With our best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Hilda Schwja - Clarke

HSC/BC.
Enclosure.

2 Netherby Street,
WAHROONGA. N.S.W.

9th January, 1953

Pers.

Personal and Confidential.

Dear Lady Selwyn-Clarke,

I must apologise for not having replied before to your letter of the 19th September. As a matter of fact it arrived just as I was about to leave on a visit to the islands and when I got back, alas, it had been filed. Only the other night I was turning things over in my mind before dropping off to sleep when I suddenly thought of your letter, and a search for it the following day revealed the sorry truth. I only hope such things do not occur in the Fabian Colonial Bureau.

But to deal with your query; I take it you want my personal views on the difficulties besetting the Fiji co-operatives. Indeed I could give you no other, for you already know the official view of the Fiji Government and the South Pacific Commission, of course, has none. I must ask you, therefore, not to quote me in any way, as I should assuredly be in hot water if you did.

I have frankly not had an opportunity of investigating co-operation in Fiji recently but from what I can learn from those who have, or who are connected intimately with Fijian affairs, the troubles being faced by the co-operatives are fundamentally due to the fact that the movement, at least in the forms known to me, works well only in a democratic society.

Now Fijian society is essentially undemocratic, forming as it does a pyramid with its apex in the Great Council of Chiefs and reaching down, through varying degrees of subordination, to the man in the village. The power

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of the chiefly families is to a large extent maintained by the whole system of Fijian administration.

My information is that the Chiefs (there are exceptions, I presume) are to say the least not putting their influence behind the co-operative movement and that many would not be sorry to see it fail. I have been told that individual societies have already come up against them and that the ordinary villages is becoming increasingly cautious about joining an organization which may bring him into conflict with traditional authority.

All this seems really an extension of the remarks made by Ravuama Vunivalu and quoted by Mr. Littleton in the enclosure to your letter. It is asking rather a lot to expect the traditional leaders of a community to enthuse when the people begin to join organizations not under their immediate control and which may prove to be the thin edge of the wedge. Compare, for example, the attitude towards those who are anxious to exempt themselves from communal services to become individual farmers. And again, is there one co-operative society in the whole of the Kingdom of Tonga, where the country is run by a feudal aristocracy?

A further point of some importance is the unfortunate fact that the Registrar of Co-operatives and his assistants in Fiji do not form a separate department but only a section of the Department of Agriculture and that, since the transfer of Gittins, the Director of Agriculture has acted as Registrar in addition to his normal duties. My personal view is that a full-time Registrar with some experience of co-operation in other countries is essential and that he should be a Head of Department responsible direct to the Colonial Secretary.

There are also, I understand, certain staff difficulties, but I will refrain from mentioning them as they are of a personal nature.

To look on the bright side of the picture, Surrige is due out in April to report on the Fijian co-operatives and I hope will be able to effect many improvements. Then the Indian seems to have at last realised

the advantages of co-operation and to be about to take to it in a big way (and so he should, on its record in India alone). And finally the Commission is to hold a Technical Conference on Co-operation, with delegates from all parts of the islands, early next year.

We are at the moment engaged in making a film strip on the co-operative movement in Fiji: let me know if you would like a copy. I leave for the Condominium of the New Hebrides at the end of the month where M. Guiart, of the Institute Francais d'Oceanie, and myself are to investigate the possibility of developing co-operatives: we hope to produce a joint report for the joint Government. Co-operation is spreading very satisfactorily throughout the Pacific at the present time and during 1952 we have received enquiries from all but four of the nineteen territories in the area. Mr. Roberts, the head of the South Pacific Literature Bureau, who returned from Netherlands New Guinea last week, was enthusiastic on the subject of the societies now commencing to function there. And I learn from New Zealand that the Government intends to carry out the recommendations of my report made to them last year on the development of co-operatives in the Cook Islands.

Your pamphlet entitled "New Hope in Asia" arrived last week and I have read it with much interest and appreciation. We are ordering a number of copies for distribution where it will do most good.

Our great need out here is for a simply written and practical booklet on co-operation suitable for use by the officers and members of village societies. No one seems to have heard of one but the Horace Plunkett people have now sent out a circular letter on the subject: I enclose a copy in case you have not seen it. If we get no results then someone has got to write it; or better still a series of small booklets (similar perhaps to the Pathfinder books printed by Longmans at Capetown).

Hoping that all this may be of some use to you,

Yours sincerely,

J.L.M.

THE HORACE PLUNKETT FOUNDATION

10, Doughty Street

LONDON, W.C. 1.

H.E. Maude, Esq.,
South Pacific Commission,
Social Development Section,
Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY.

Dear Sir,

We have recently received several requests for simple textbooks for use in the underdeveloped areas on the mechanics of running a co-operative society, e.g. How to run a co-operative store, How to run a credit society, simple accounting textbooks, and so on. While there is ample material on the higher level, there would appear to be a dearth of such elementary textbooks couched in simple terms. We feel that it is very probable that this type of work is being produced by Co-operative Departments and Federations for internal consumption within their movements but, because of its elementary nature, it is not being made available to a wider public. To prevent such duplication of work and to assist in the interchange of these works, we are proposing to compile a list of this material which we should circulate to interested bodies. We should be most grateful if you could let us have copies of any works of this type which your movement has produced, preferably in English, with a note of languages and dialects into which translation has been made; if at present you have no spare copies we should be glad to have details of the works, with a note on the type of public for which it is suitable, and whether you would be prepared to lend a copy for reproduction in other areas. We should also be interested to hear of any outside publications which you find useful for this purpose and to have your comments on any successes or difficulties that have been experienced in this type of educational work.

We are in addition proposing to make a collection of publicity material which would be available for consultation here. We have received several requests of this nature, and at present most of the material we have emanates from the United States and Canada and is not particularly useful for the underdeveloped areas. We should therefore be most grateful for any pamphlets, leaflets, small posters, etc. which you feel would assist towards the formation of such a collection.

With many thanks for your assistance,

Yours faithfully,

"S.M. Scott"
Librarian.

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Mr. H.E. Maude,
South Pacific Commission.

Dear Mr. Maude,



September 19th,
1952.

I do not know whether this letter will reach you as we have no exact address. I do hope very much that the issue of Venture with an article on Co-operatives in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands which was in the main a reproduction of your speech has reached you and also my pamphlet New Hope in Asia - a story of co-operation which included the article from Venture. In early July I came across some figures of the membership of co-operatives in Fiji and I thought it would be of interest to examine the reasons why co-operation in Fiji had lagged so far behind the Gilbert and Ellice Islands and to enquire whether the new Agricultural Loans Board intended to make loans to co-operatives as an encouragement. I am enclosing the answers that were received by Mr. Frank Beswick, M.P., a Co-operative Member, and also an extract from the report of the Registrar of the Co-operative Department of Fiji and from a letter by Mr. Lyttelton to Mr. Beswick explaining the reasons why co-operation did not develop in Fiji to the same extent as in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. Mr. Beswick has asked me to comment on this letter, and not knowing the South Pacific, I am not in a position to do so. At the same time, having made some study of co-operation in the Colonies, I doubt very much whether the reason for the lack of development in Fiji is because the Fijian way of life does not incline them towards co-operative development. We have previously received some excuses with regard to the lack of development in Malaya as compared with Ceylon, yet this year owing to a special drive in Malaya in order to defeat the cost of living, many new co-operatives have been formed.

If you have the time and would care to give me your own view

of the difficulties of developing co-operatives in Fiji, I should be very grateful. I know of no-one else who has both knowledge of this area and a very real interest in its success.

Yours sincerely,

Hilda Selwyn-Clarke

Lady Selwyn-Clarke.

Co-operative Societies of the Pacific Islands. Mr. Frank Beswick asked how many registered co-operative societies there were in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands and in Fiji respectively; and what was the total membership and the total population in each case. Mr. Lyttelton replied that in 1950 there were in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony 27 registered societies with 12,575 members and in Fiji 27 registered societies with a membership of about 1,600. The populations of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands and Fiji had been estimated in 1950 to be 36,755 and 293,764, respectively. In reply to a supplementary question by Mr. Beswick as to the cause of the discrepancy between the development in Fiji and the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Mr. Lyttelton said that the conditions were entirely different and that he had a good deal of information which showed that the nature of the Fijian life did not adapt itself so readily to the co-operative idea as had been the case in the other islands. (July 16.)

Mr. Beswick asked in what circumstances the recently constituted Loans Board for Fiji could advance loans to co-operative societies; and what special steps were being taken to encourage the peasants to take advantage of these loans. In reply, Mr. Lyttelton said that the Agricultural and Industrial Loans Board of Fiji had been constituted on May 12, 1952, by the Agricultural and Industrial Loans Board Ordinance 1951. The Board was authorised to make loans for certain specified purposes. It appeared that under the Ordinance the Board could, within its discretion, make loans to co-operative societies. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies would bring to the notice of co-operative societies the loan facilities offered by the Board. (July 16.)

COPY OF A LETTER FROM MR. OLIVER LYTTLETON TO MR. FRANK BESWICK,
dated July 29th, 1952.

Fijian villagers live a very closely-knit communal life and their social set-up and outlook on life in general are very much governed by the still strong traditions of their race. Living communally as they do, cooperation is certainly not foreign to them; indeed it is of the essence of their way of life. But the concept is different from the idea of cooperative societies as we know it in this country.

The following extract from the report for 1950 of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies in Fiji puts the situation well:-

'The Fijian social structure, in spite of long contacts with new philosophies and standards continues to have its roots in, and to be nourished by, the mutually cooperative traditions of the race. But it is too often overlooked that contrary to popular belief the Fijian's traditional interpretation of cooperation differs in at least one fundamental principle from the tenets of cooperation as a business method recognised throughout the cooperative world and envisaged by the local Cooperative Societies Ordinance. Cooperation to the Fijian means not the sharing of responsibility and authority by members of a cooperative society over the management of their affairs and the employment of the democratic principle of one man one vote to secure this end. To him it has always meant the concentration of power in one individual and the pooling of resources of all members whenever the need arose to help one individual or a set of individuals requiring aid within that society. This is clearly exemplified by the housebuilding procedure; the whole of a Fijian village will turn out at the direction of the Turaga Ni Koro (the village Chief elected for the purpose of seeing that these communal services are performed) to build a new house for one man without payment (except a feast when the job is done) and each individual receives the same assistance in due course when his house requires rebuilding. Similar arrangements cover the maintenance of village roads, and the planting of food crops and fishing etc.' The report continues, 'The general tendency in the past three years has therefore been - though there are marked improvements where it was possible to intensify supervision - to leave matters in the hands of one man, usually the Chairman, to make decisions and generally to direct the entire life of the society. Transition from the Fijian traditional cooperate ideas to the Western Conception of the term will take many years and its realisation constitutes one of the greatest immediate tasks of the staff.'

Besides living communally the Fijians also hold their property communally and a man who acquires wealth shares it with his family. The result is that the incentive for the individual to accumulate

wealth is not great and this is another difficulty in building up cooperative societies as we know them, working on a money economy, as a means of raising the economic status of the Fijians. Another difficulty is that the villagers are being called upon from time to time to carry out the communal duties mentioned above.

It may be desirable to modify the existing Co-operative Societies legislation in order to conform more closely to Fijian traditional methods. This point will be examined by my Adviser on Cooperation who will be visiting Fiji early next year.

I hope that this gives you sufficient information on this matter. If, however, you would like to discuss it further I should be glad to arrange for you to see officials in my Department.

Personal

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P.O. Box 14,
Lautoka,
Fiji.
16-3-53.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thank you very much for your Christmas greetings & the kind note also.

We were interested to read about your friend Major Raven Hart, in a N.Z. weekly paper, soon after you wrote. We would certainly like to meet him, though it's very unlikely we will.

You also mentioned Capt. Withers.

Campbell knows him quite well and often has a chat to him. We hope one day to save enough to have a trip on his boat! He intends to build more bures on his island, and take more people on the cruises, & have them sleep ashore at night. It sounds rather an ideal life, but according to what he tells Campbell, he has his troubles too!

So far we are enjoying life in Lautoka very much and we are very happy to be back in Fiji. Lautoka seems to have gone ahead in leaps and bounds since we were here before, and is a very thriving community. Indeed there is to be a Mayoral election at the end of the month.

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We have a very nice house at the back of the park, and facing on to the hospital hill. Its a good locality near the town, and there is always plenty to see. It is a bit rowdy at times however. One side we have Indian neighbours by the name of Lokesman, and they are a fine family. The children (11 of them) adore Scott and all line up along the fence to watch him, and of course he shows off to delight them! The whole family have been very kind and helpful in many ways. The one bug bear is that Radio India blazes forth every night, and it gets very monotonous! Our other neighbours are Australians, and we are very good friends.

The house is quite big and nicely furnished, with every convenience, including telephone, so we really feel very fortunate indeed.

Once again it is far from the type of island life we visualized, but it is Fiji, and that, at present anyway, is sufficient.

It has been very hot and sticky since we came, but not unbearable. This month has been rather wet so far, but we are almost over the rainy season now, and are looking forward to the winter.

We have met a few nice folk and different ones have been very kind. Also friends

com U'koula visit us now and again. Our former house girl that been round from the mines a couple of times, and even brought us a fowl for Christmas. It was just wonderful to see her again, and the dear girl was almost beside herself with excitement. I would love to have her here, and she wants to come, but we have no bus. However, in time we might get something arranged. I have had 4 or 5 girls already, & though there isn't much work to do, they won't stay because there is nowhere for them to live. It is very trying when they are so unreliable, and I have not had a girl now for about 3 weeks.

Campbell is terribly busy and going flat out from 5 a.m. til 6 or 7 p.m. sometimes. The Hautoka Meat Co. took over the only other butchery in Hautoka in Feb. and Cam has a very big job now. Once things are properly organised, it should be smoother going, but it's a pretty tough grind at present. All the same he is getting a vast amount of new and interesting experience. He expects to have another European to do the book work, take orders etc. about June, which will make a

difference. Even the week-ends seem taken up with work, and I help with the books at night. We didn't expect to return to the tropics to work so very hard! Nevertheless we are all fit and well and happy.

Scott is simply thriving and has grown far beyond babyhood now. He is a real rough, rowdy boy, full of energy and mischief and talks like a book. We are very thrilled that he has taken to the tropics so well, and a bit of prickly heat is his only trouble.

We have just been very rash and purchased a 6mths. old A40 Somerset model car. Life here is very restricted without a car, and we expect to get a lot of pleasure out of it.

This is only a short note to let you know how we are finding life back here. It has its troubles, but we enjoy it and are happy to be back to Island life once again.

We are looking forward to seeing you very much, so do hope that it will be possible. Now we have a car we could get out to Nadi, if you are only making a stop-over.

Ofcourse we may not be able to fight our way through the important bodies who will no doubt want to see you too!! However do let us know when you will be in these parts.

Kind regards from,
Kathleen Campbell Henderson

2 Netherby Street,
WAHROONGA, N.S.W., Australia

16th March, 1953

Dear Lady Ellis,

I owe you my sincere apologies for not having written before to thank you for so kindly sending me a copy of Sir Albert's little book of reminiscences; which arrived just before I was setting off on a visit to the islands, or I would have acknowledged it long since.

I have read through this last work of his with deep appreciation of his great contribution to the development of the Central Pacific. I hope to start on my history of this area before long now and shall treasure his last volume, together with his three books, as a first-hand account of little-known events on far-off islands by one who played a major part in their development.

Honor and I still hope, all going well, to settle down in or near Auckland; but probably it will be two or three years yet before we can move across from here.

Again many thanks for your kind thought, and with best wishes from us both,

Yours sincerely,

18th March, 1953

Dear Mr. Hughes,

Many thanks for kindly inserting another notice concerning my missing numbers of the "Pacific Islands Monthly" in this month's issue.

If it has no result, and I am not optimistic, would you please insert the following as a paid advertisement next month:-

8,000% PROFIT on your old PIMS. £2 each offered for copies of Vol.I, Nos. 5 & 8, and Vol.II, No. 2; original cost 6d. Maude, Box 5254, G.P.O., Sydney, N.S.W.

I should be grateful if you would also send me a copy of Vol. XXII, No. 9 (April 1952), as someone seems to have borrowed mine.

Let me know the damage and I will send you a cheque.

Yours sincerely,

SLM.

Mr. Selwyn Hughes,
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20th March, 1953

H. E. Maude Esq.,
Social Development Section,
South Pacific Commission,
Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY



Dear Mr. Maude,

As a member of the Council of the Royal Empire Society I have heard that Mr. F. N. Pusinelli of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands will be on long leave here in September and October. We like to have lecturers from Colonial Service Offices, but I think you will agree that it would be better both for us and for the Service that anyone asked to accept should be a reasonably good speaker. You may not know Mr. Pusinelli, but if you can tell me of his possibilities as a lunchtime lecturer, one who would interest our members in the development of the Colonial Empire, I should be very grateful.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Gilbert Archy

Director

File

23rd March, 1953

Dear Sir Brian,

Just a line as the mail closes to say that the Progress Report for the "Bulletin" is completed but cannot be typed to catch tonight's mail. It will, however, go on Wednesday.

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I enclose a personal copy of the Nettleton Report, which you did so much to secure for the Commission: and hope that you consider the final turn out justifies your efforts.

Wanda came to dinner yesterday and seemed in full cry again, I am glad to say, as we had heard that she had lost her voice.

Yours sincerely,

J.L.M.

Sir Brian Freeston, K.C.M.G., O.B.E.,
Secretary-General,
South Pacific Commission,
NOUMEA, New Caledonia.

Per.

24th March, 1953.

Dear Mrs. Whyte,

When I was in the New Hebrides recently I visited the Reverend I. Neilson Whyte at Malekula and was able to take several photographs of his two delightful children. As a result, I was, of course, commissioned to let both Mrs. Asche and yourself have prints of the photographs when they were developed.

This has now been done and I am enclosing them with this letter. I have forwarded the negatives to Mrs. Asche in case you may wish to obtain further copies of any of them.

I had a most enjoyable time with Mr. and Mrs. Whyte on Malekula, interrupting their busy day to enjoy a sumptuous lunch prepared by Mrs. Whyte.

Yours sincerely,

H.E.M.

H.E. Maude.

Mrs. E.S. Whyte,
"Ballindrait",
South Road,
WARRAGUL, Vic..

Pers.
25th March, 1953.

Dear Mrs. Asche,

When I was in the New Hebrides recently I received several commissions from your son -in-law, the Reverend I. Neilson Whyte, to be carried out on my return to Sydney.

One was to send his watch to you for repair; I am posting it to you by separate registered mail. It would be advisable to retain the envelope it is in as you will notice it is stamped by the New Hebrides Customs Authorities and this evidence may be necessary when it is being sent back to Mr. Whyte.

The second commission was to let you have copies of several photos I took of the children at South-West Bay. These are enclosed together with the negatives in case Mrs. Whyte at Warragul (to whom I have also sent prints) or yourself, may wish to have further copies.

I had a most enjoyable time with your daughter and son-in-law at South-West Bay interrupting their busy day to enjoy a very sumptuous lunch prepared by Mrs. Whyte.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude.

Mrs. H.C.J. Asche,
15 Howitt Road,
CAULFIELD, S.E.7, Vic..

Reas

30th March, 1953

Dear Dr. Archey,

I wish I could answer your query regarding Fusinelli, whom I know well. He used to be Government Secretary when I was Resident Commissioner and is an extremely efficient officer. Perhaps as a result of having been on the General Staff during the war he is a really first-rate organizer.

But as to whether he is, or would make, a good lunch time speaker I haven't a clue. He is not noticeably nervous in conference, or even at a committee meeting, and certainly not backward in stating his views, but in the Gilberts one simply does not face such gatherings and he may be as nervous and tongue tied as I should be if asked to address one.

I cannot safely go further than to say the he would know his subject and has the ability to deliver an interesting speech.

The clans are gathering for the Second South Pacific Conference and no doubt some of the observers will be passing through Auckland en route. Dr. Coolidge, for instance?

Sorry not to be more helpful,

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude.

H.E. Maude.

Dr. Gilbert Archey,
Director,
Auckland Institute and Museum,
AUCKLAND, New Zealand.

Pers.

30th March, 1953

PERSONAL.

Dear Sir Brian,

I hope you will grow up to forgive and forget, but a concatenation of unfortunate events has made it impossible for Honor to come with me to the Conference.

As you know, she is suffering from thyroid deficiency and should be living a quiet life, but the circumstances of the last month or so have made that out of the question. Then Mrs. Holland is ill again and may have to go into hospital any day for an operation. And my now having to stay until the end of the first week in May to attend Ojala's conference is an unexpected complication which we had not bargained for. Finally it is not easy to find the hundred or more pounds required.

So I must perforce call it off and hope for better luck next time. At least it will give you another bed at a time when they must be at a premium.

We feel that we have rather let you down after all your kind efforts to secure accommodation for Honor and can only say we're sorry.

Yours truly,

J. L. M.

Sir Brian Freeston, K.C.M.G., O.B.E.,
Secretary-General,
South Pacific Commission,
NOUMEA, New Caledonia.

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15 Howitt Rd.
Caulfield
1st April 53

Dear Mr Mander,

We were delighted to get the photographs of
our Grand-Children. It is just best to seeing them.

I am glad you enjoyed your visit to South-West-Bay
& glad my daughter is able to prepare a sumptuous
lunch in such an out of the way place.

We also received the watch & it is in the vendor's hands.
It was good of you to enclose the films too. I might
get an enlargement of Michael on his tricycle.

With many thanks

yours sincerely,

Mary Asche



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H. E. Maude Esq.,
Social Development Section,
South Pacific Commission,
Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thank you very much for your reply to my enquiry regarding Pusinelli. I should think from his general style that he could pretty certainly give the Royal Empire Society a luncheon talk when he comes on his visit to New Zealand.

I had word from Coolidge that he was expecting to be in these parts, but it is doubtful whether he will come through New Zealand. So much of the air transport goes direct to Fiji that we miss many we would be glad to see.

Again with many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Clifford A. Maude

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Director



GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAMOA

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2nd Apr. 53

Dear Hanny,

Just a note for my good
Nulinua's neighbours, Kalappa (see
interpreter: Samoan Delegation) to renew
acquaintance ship, and to inform
you that at the moment I am
holding the exalted post of Director
of Broadcasting, Western Samoa!

I arrived, ^{from NZ} and Jan with my wife,
for a three year term, after suffering
from a severe case of in-law trouble
(this was not my sole reason for
coming to Samoa!) We ^{were} married
quietly in Wellington shortly before
Xmas - away from them all, Hamilton
being the location of my in-laws.
The necessary formalities were
carried out by my friend Mann
Bennett, a son of late Bishop, who
is due to take up a bursary of
some kind in Hawaii.

After spending 6 months with
the General Overseas Service of
the BBC as a talks producer I
returned to NZ at the end of '51.
The work with the BBC was most
interesting - I couldn't have hoped
anything better, so far as



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broadcasting is concerned, but in other respects I found 'life a bit grim over there. Of course, nostalgic visions of England return from time to time, but certainly not in the sphere of gastronomy!

The NZ Broadcasting claimed that there was no position to which I could be assigned in line with my experience (I had been on leave of absence). This was not unexpected but I was more than a little surprised when, upon entering the office for the first time subsequent to my return, I was informed by a young lady that I was being placed on the tea making roster! This was in Wellington. A week or so later I was shunted off to a small station in Hamilton in a relatively minor position where I spent a distinctly bloody year what with a double-crossing station manager and positively poisonous prospecting in-laws. So hence the haven in Samoa. Here at least I have something constructive to do; and providing I weather the usual patches of acrimony to be found in such places ^{as this}, perhaps ~~as~~ I may venture to look forward to some comparatively worthwhile years.



GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAMOA

APIA, WESTERN SAMOA

As you know there are one big schemes ahead for Samoa, and the broadcasting service has a considerable role to play in the field of social development. Just how far the "big schemes" will get remains to be seen. There are those who shake their heads knowingly. However, at least one may hope to contribute in some small way. I have a small but cooperative staff (this does not include the only other European the Senior Technician, who is a good man at his job, but) the one big stumbling block to progress in the Samoan sessions is translation - only one man on the staff with any real competency.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you again, Hanny, and my wife & I extend a cordial invitation to stay over at our old but large & comfortable 'milla! No doubt you will be up this way again some time.

As yet I am ^{not} very well acquainted with the Samoan leaders but of the members of this delegation I have found Peseta a talented and pleasant chap (he paints & composes in addition to teaching & legislative duties) Leo who was on our Broadcasting Committee is affable but cautious. The leader, Sialanalei, has not endeavored himself in any way, my fact would comment, such as, ~~propaganda~~ but



LAUTOKA HOTEL

fiji

April 10.
c/o Post Master Lautoka.

Dear Mr. Maude.

I continue to find evidence of your kindness, not only in giving me letters of introduction but also of mentioning my visit to friends — the latest here, in Lautoka, to Mr. Kott.

As you see, I am nearly "there"; to wit, the village of NABUKERU on Yasawa Island, where I hope to spend 4 or 5 months. After that, I hope for a month at Tavua, and another at Apia; and back to Auckland in December, to Pylea in February or March.

My best regards to Mrs. Manda
and to your son (~~Alaric~~^{Alaric}, was it?).
I hope he received the book I ordered
for him.

And my thanks, again!

Sincerely

Walter Hart

(Major R. RAVEN-HART)

P.S. I am getting bitter with these parts
and especially these people! Does the
Commission need any linguists?! I have
French (Lect. of the Sorbonne), German
(have passed in Germany as a native), Spanish
(8 years in S. America), Italian (Varese),
Hindustani (higher standard), Esperanto;
and read Danish, Norwegian, Swedish,
Dutch, Portuguese.

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ADDRESSED TO

THE SECRETARY:

*Recd 20.4.53
Per.*

16th April, 1953.

Dear Sir

I am specially desired by the Deputy President, Mr. Walter H. Williams, to invite you to attend a lecture to be given by DR. C.H. CURREY, M.A. LL.D. on Monday, the 27th April, 1953, entitled: "MAGNA CARTA as Stephen Langton and the Barons read it - and its effect on our daily life".

We would greatly appreciate your presence, and extend an invitation to a number of your friends to be present also, for which purpose we enclose a dozen tickets.

We would appreciate your returning the tickets which are not going to be used.

Yours sincerely,

Frederick Daniell

Frederick Daniell.
Secretary.

Encl.

Cremorne.
22nd April, 1953.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Today I have written Mr. and Mrs. Graham Kerr (my aunt and uncle) living in Noumea asking them to look you up.

It quite may be that both the internal working, and external entertainment, arrangements of the Conference would make any outsider butting in to meet you quite an intrusion. But, from what you said on your last trip, it could also be that you are swamped and would relish a quiet dinner away from the madding crowd. I don't know at all. However Uncle Graham and his wife are charming and quite interesting. He's the man of the family who has the island Santo which I tried, through you, to palm off on the Nauruans.

We hope everything is going according to "skeddool" as the Americans say and look forward to your return.

Yours sincerely,

Joan H Green. (Mrs.)

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29th April, 1953.

Dear Sir,

In Mr. Maude's absence at Noumea your letter of the 16th April, with the kind invitation to Mr. Maude and friends to attend Dr. Currey's lecture to the Society on the 27th April, was put aside and has only now come to my attention.

Would you please accept my apologies for its not being acknowledged, and the tickets returned, before the lecture took place. I am sure that Mr. Maude, who will not be returning to Sydney until the end of the week, will be sorry to have missed Dr. Currey's lecture. I am now returning the tickets to you.

Yours sincerely,



Executive Officer for Social
Development.

Mr. F. Daniell,
Secretary,
The Royal Empire Society,
17, Bligh Street,
SYDNEY, New South Wales.

Kess

6th May, 1953

Dear Mr. Greene,

I arrived back at the office from Noumea to find your letter of the 27th April awaiting me. We shall make arrangements to meet Binatake as soon as I get his E.T.A. Sydney.

Please tell Binatake to get on the airways bus at Mascot and we shall be at the Sydney terminal to pick him up. If there is any hitch or trouble he should ring me at my office (XY.5132) or home (JW.1460).

I have passed on your enquiry re the "Village Library" to Mr. Bruce Roberts, the Head of the South Pacific Literature Bureau, and asked him to write to you direct on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude.

Mr. Roger Greene,
The British Phosphate Commissioners,
Phosphate House,
515 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, Vic.



In your reply please quote

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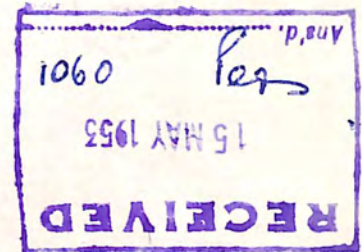
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12th May, 1953.

H.E. Maude, Esq.,
Executive Officer for Social
Development,
South Pacific Commission,
Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY. N.S.W. AUSTRALIA.



Dear Mr. Maude,

Many thanks for your helpful letter of the 6th instant, with suggestions for information about the South Pacific Commission.

It is probable that for this meeting we will get several people to take various parts and I hope to invoke some of the personnel of the External Affairs Department here as well. I shall be glad to let you know the outcome of the meeting and how successful it proves to be.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

B. R. H. Taylor
Librarian.

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14th May, 1953

Dear Anderton,

Sorry to hear you're not taking over Webb's job but I don't blame you: I would not myself, much as I love Sydney. For one thing Ron has, I believe, a fair private income and so can live in reasonable comfort on the meagre salary the Commission allows him. And, as you mention in your letter, your wife's health is the all important consideration at the moment.

No, I don't think you have prejudiced Ron's chance of going to Noumea in the slightest. He has already suggested two possibilities for his job to Sir Brian, and one of them sounds quite good to me.

I bet you ten to one he will regret the whole move after a few months in Noumea.

Wishing your wife a speedy recovery and all good luck in the future to you both,

Yours sincerely,

J.L.M.

Mr. D. R. Anderton,
South Pacific Commission,
NOUMEA, New Caledonia.

Flat 2,
16 William Street,
NORTH SYDNEY.

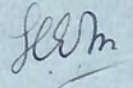
14th May, 1953

Dear Sir,

In accordance with instructions received from the Acting Accountant-General (T.123/1/146 of the 20th March) I forwarded a "Return of Income" form to you duly completed, in order that an assessment might be prepared covering the income tax due to the Fiji Government.

I should be grateful for an intimation that this has been received, for the information of the Australian Taxation authorities.

Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude
for (Mrs.) E. Holland

Commissioner for Inland Revenue,
Colony of Fiji,
SUVA, Fiji Islands.

14th May, 1953

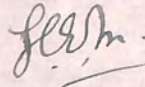
My dear Hayden,

Thank you for sending me a copy of Prof. Hogben's letter to Lindsay Verrier. I hope you will bring up the matter yourself at the Research Council meeting next month, though to be frank I doubt there being much chance of getting it through the Council and none of passing the Commissioners, who are looking at every penny twice.

I must congratulate you not only on the Moturiki report, which I have just finished and consider really excellent, but also on your promotion to Trinidad, which I read of in "News from Fiji" yesterday. I know you always wanted to go to Trinidad, so imagine you must be very pleased, though we shall surely miss your experienced counsel in this part of the world and particularly on the Research Council.

Meanwhile we shall have to do some last minute picking of your brains at the Fifth Meeting, where Helen and I both looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

Mr. Howard Hayden,
Director of Education,
SUVA, Fiji.

Pers.

14th May, 1953

Dear Major Raven-Hart,

I was glad to hear from you again and find that you have at last succeeded in your ambition of settling down in a Yasawa village.

Yes, Alaric received your book and wanted to thank you for your kindness in sending it, but, alas, we had by then lost your address. I have now given him your new one, care of the Postmaster at Lautoka.

I am afraid there are no vacancies for linguists on the Commission staff. We only use English and French and all except two of the French translators are local New Caledonians. In any case the work is mere office slavery, translating from morning to night (and often to midnight) and you would certainly not come in contact with a Pacific islander.

Wishing you all the best in Nabukeru,

Sincerely,

JRM.

Major R. Raven-Hart,
C/- Postmaster,
LAUTOKA, Fiji.

14th May, 1953

Dear Anderton,

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Yours sincerely,

J.E.M.

Mr. D. R. Anderton,
South Pacific Commission,
NOUMEA, New Caledonia.

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In reply, please quote.....

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

3rd May, 1953.

Dear Mr. Maude,

I had hoped to have the opportunity of thanking you for the few words you put in on my behalf with Sir Brian but, somehow, you were either busy talking to somebody else or I was busy chasing somebody or other around the Pentagon. Sir Brian asked me during the week if I would be interested in Ron Webb's job in Sydney and, as this offer must have been the outcome of a suggestion from you, you must have thought I was very graceless not to have thanked you for your kindness in making the suggestion.

I was given two or three days to think the matter over but decided not to accept the offer. I believe I told you that I had given Sir Brian six months notice - not because I am a naturally discontented person or greedy for more money but simply because certain aspects of my job here were becoming intolerable. In many ways I shall be reluctant to leave the Commission because I am genuinely interested in the work but I decided, after due reflection, that Ron Webb's job in Sydney was not quite what I wanted. Another (and far more important) reason for my turning the job down was the fact that Marjorie has just undergone a very serious operation and I think she is more likely to make a complete recovery in a quiet environment than in the bustle of a big city. Considering the seriousness of the operation she is making a wonderful recovery and I do not want to do anything whatsoever to set her back. In any case I still have three more months to go and it may be that in that time something will develop whereby I can fit in better with the Commission; otherwise we shall make our way back to England.

I am most anxious that you should not think me ungrateful for your efforts on my behalf but I feel sure that you will understand why I did not accept the Sydney Office job. I only hope that I have not prejudiced Ron's chances of coming over here. However, I think he is pretty sure to get a job here once a replacement has been found for him in Sydney but whether or not he will like it as much as he thinks he will is another matter.....

Kindest regards to yourself and the staff.

Yours sincerely,

Dennis R. Anderson



IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE :

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SUVA, FIJI

18th May, 1953

RECEIVED

5 MAY 1953

Ans'd.

My dear Maude,

Thank you for the letter of May 14th. I am glad you like the Moturiki Report and I hope that you will do your best to get it published this year and not in March, 1954 as Eyre was threatening if he could not get immediate agreement to go ahead.

2. Thank you too for your good wishes on my appointment to Trinidad. It was, as you say, what I wanted and it is very nice to get what one wants but naturally I shall be very sorry to leave many friends in the South Pacific, not least among whom are the staff at Cremorne.

3. I am afraid that there is no hope of my attending the Fifth Meeting: indeed we sail from Wellington on May 30th and I expect that Roth will be coming in my stead.

4. I hope, however, that you will keep me in touch with your activities. We arrive in Trinidad on June 18th where, for practical purposes, my address will be C/- Department of Education, Port of Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I.

5. Perhaps you would be kind enough to ask Neijs to forward the draft of the Mass Literacy Report to me at that address.

6. I am sorry to have been snatched away without an opportunity of bidding you a decent farewell and I hope you will let me say how much indeed I have appreciated working with you.

7. My wife and I send our warmest good wishes to your wife and to yourself and to Helen.

Yours sincerely,

Hammond

Director of Education.

Mr. H.E. Maude,
South Pacific Commission,
Social Development Section,
Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY, N.S.W. Australia.

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18th May, 1953

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter P/505/3427 of the 14th May I regret that I am unable to produce my father's Birth Certificate or my parents' Marriage Certificate as my father is dead and I have no idea where such documents can be found: certainly not in Australia.

I discovered the date and place of my father's birth by looking in Debretts' "Landed Gentry" and this may be regarded as satisfactory evidence for your purpose: it is also in any edition of "Who's Who" prior to 1940, when he died.

I enclose all the documents concerning myself that I possess, i.e.:-

- (i) my Baptismal Certificate (I have no Birth Certificate); and
- (ii) my Marriage Certificate;

but I admit that they do not appear to throw much light on whether or not I am a U.K. citizen.

I am a member of the British Colonial Administrative Service at present on secondment to an International Organization; the South Pacific Commission. You will have observed that the passport now in your possession was issued by myself as Resident Commissioner of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony and this fact may be considered satisfactory proof of my being a U.K. citizen: I have never heard of an administrator of a British Colony who was not.

The Passport Officer,
United Kingdom Passport Office,
Box 15, G.P.O.,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

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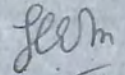
As regards your query as to my sail-date, I would advise that as an international civil servant I am seldom more than a few weeks in Australia at a time. I have just returned from theSSecond South Pacific Conference, which is the reason why my passport could not be forwarded to you before, and am due to leave again on approximately the 1st June to attend the fifth meeting of the South Pacific Research Council in Noumea.

Perhaps, even if you are not able to renew my passport as requested, you could extend its validity temporarily for say a month? This would enable me to get it renewed by one of the Passport Authorities in the Pacific Islands, where I am naturally well-known.

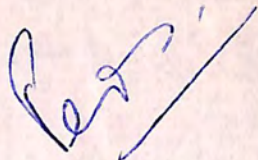
In the hope, however, that this device will not be necessary I am forwarding herewith the additional 3/6d. stated to be due to you.

With apologies for all the trouble I am evidently causing you,

Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude.



19th May, 1953

My dear Adam,

I wonder if you could send us by airmail (or air-freight) a dozen copies of each of your Research Institute series (FIER/1 to 4 are they not) for the use of the Research Council at its forthcoming meeting. We shall, of course, refund all costs involved, including the initial price of the booklets.

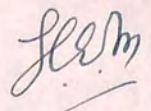
By the way, I ~~must~~ take it that you will be available in 1954 to guide the project on educational evaluation as recommended at the last meeting of the Research Council and approved in principle at the Tenth Session? Unless I hear from you to the contrary I shall inform the fifth meeting to that effect.

What chance is there of your coming to the meeting yourself, I wonder? We are hoping that you may be taking Hayden's place if, as seems probable, he cannot manage it himself owing to his impending departure.

I presume you saw your article on "Modern Type-testing in Island Schools" in the January number of the "Quarterly Bulletin". Let me know should you require any extra copies and do not forget us if you have some more material to publish which you think might be of value to the rest of the Pacific.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



R.S. Adam, Esq.,
Director of Research,
Educational Research Institute,
Thomson Street,
SUVAK
Fiji.

Peters

20th May, 1953

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

I am afraid that I cannot be of much assistance to you in your quest for information on the postal history of Christmas Island. Were I still in the Gilberts, or at Suva with the High Commission records, it would be easy, but if I ever recorded the dates you want, which I doubt, I cannot find them at the moment.

The following particulars referring to each of your queries may, however, be of some interest:-

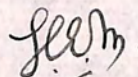
- (a) Mr. T.H. Manning assumed duty on Christmas Island as Acting Administrative Officer on the 4th July, 1938, and Mr. G.V. Langdale succeeded him on the 5th April, 1941. The Central Pacific Coconut Plantations personnel were withdrawn on the 30th December, 1939. My own impression is that the new Gilbertese Labour Force did not arrive until Mr. Langdale's time and that Mr. Manning had only his personal staff, but my memory is bad and I can easily be wrong. I know I went to Christmas several times after the Japanese invasion of the Gilbert Islands to settle labour and other troubles.
- (b) My impression is that the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony Post Office was maintained until the Americans opened theirs, when it had to be closed for censorship reasons and because all communications depended on them. But again, in the absence of records, I could be wrong.

W.R.G. Hopkins, Esq.,
The Ash Grove,
40 Ditton Court Road,
Westcliff-on-Sea,
ESSEX, England.

- (c) A Mr. P.D. Macdonald was certainly one of our party. He was Administrative Officer, Fanning Island District, at the time and included Christmas in his jurisdiction. I well remember him stamping the envelope you mention with a seal which we found lying on a table in Rougier's house. I have some myself that I did at the time but they have no serious postal significance.

...
Thank you for lending me your account of the Christmas Island stamps, which I am now returning. If I find any more about Christmas Island's more recent history when going through my files I will let you know.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

TELEPHONE
3903

PERSONAL
THE ASH GROVE
40 DITTON COURT ROAD
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA

Essex England.

24. 11. 53

M.E. Maude Esq., Q.R.E.

c/o G.P.O. Box 5254.

Sydney Australia.



Dear Mr. Maude,

On several occasions
Mr. Jack Gumbinge has kindly passed
copies of your letters to him or to me,
particularly when you have been
answering questions about the
G.E.C.'s Patent History. Like Jack,
I too specialise, and between us
we both have two very good

Collections, but we are in need of your help with regard to several periods of the history of Christmas Island (line Islands).

A). The C.P. C.P.¹⁵ exhausted their local stamps in July 1938, & later the plantations were maintained by the Gilbert & Ellice Government till purchased.

How was in charge at Christmas between July 1938 to 14.2.39? What stamps were used, & how was mail collected? Was the island uninhabited between these two dates?

B). After you officially opened the G&E P.O. on the 14.2.39. Nothing is known until the American opened

TELEPHONE
3903

THE ASH GROVE
40 DITTON COURT ROAD
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA

Here a.p.o. 915 on the 11.2.42, this
was closed on 12. Oct. 1948. Mr. Kelvin
Nicholson reopened the G.E. P.O. in
December 1948.

c). Was there a Mr. B. S. (D)
Macedonate in your party? I have
a cover sent to him affixed with
a pair of $\frac{1}{2}$ d Geo. 5th cancelled with
a large Seal of the C. P. C. Pth, dated
probably about the end of 1938. I
don't think the envelope actually
carried local mail - a philatelic item.
I understand there was a Macedonate
with Cable & Wireless at Yanning.
I enclose a short history

of the local stamps, please return.

The P.O. is for your Air
Mail - I hope enough!

I appreciate that many
years have passed since 1939, but
we shall be grateful for any notes
you can send us, or should there
be any publication that would be
helpful, please let us know. I
have in mind - official publications.

I have three of your
papers MS. cancellations & Jack
& another three too, all on covers.

Yours sincerely,

William G. Hopkins

P.S. Have put address down
outside in the
Journal of the Polymer Science Society

Personal

22nd May, 1953

Dear Douglas,

It was good to hear from you again and to find you back in the islands: and married too. My sincere congratulations on achieving the estimable state of matrimony and I hope you have no more trouble with your in-laws.

I was quite surprised to learn that you had taken over in Samoa; in fact when Kalapu spoke of you I denied knowing you at all at first. The Samoan delegation did very well at the Conference, as they did at the First, but I find them difficult to fathom and rather tend to keep away from them. You have certainly got a big work ahead of you, as the broadcasting service has a position in the local setup that is quite unique in my experience.

...

We issued a paper on the educational side of the Samoan Broadcasting system some time ago and are most anxious to follow this up with one on the organization of the service. I enclose a copy of a letter which I wrote to Grattan on the subject in case you may be able to do something to help us. Could you possibly find time to write the paper yourself, perhaps basing it on Greenberg's report?

You seem to have had many vicissitudes since I last met you, but I hope all is plain sailing from now on. And many thanks for the kind invitation to stay with you, which I shall certainly avail myself of if I am a free agent. In the past I have usually stayed with a cousin by marriage, one Jeff Jackson my name.

Douglas Smith Esq.,
Director of Broadcasting,
APIA, Western Samoa.

Honor and I are both well, though extremely busy these days with a constant succession of people passing through Sydney. I am getting rather played out, not having had any leave for five years. At the moment we have Binatake Tokatake, the brother of the High Chief of Abemama, staying with us en route to the Coronation so we are catching up with island gossip.

... I am taking the opportunity of forwarding a paper I have just prepared on "A Clearing-house service for Pacific broadcast recordings" for discussion at the Fifth meeting of the Research Council. We are hoping that you will be willing to join in with the scheme (if anything comes of it), and generally give it your support. In the meantime any criticisms and suggestions for amendments, based on your varied experience, would be greatly appreciated.

Hoping to see you before long,

Yours,

*Personal
Mr. Maude*

22nd May, 1953.

Dear Mr. Asche,

In a recent letter I received from your son-in-law, the Reverend I. Neilson Whyte, he mentioned that, as far as he was then aware, you had not received his watch, which was brought down from the New Hebrides by Mr. Maude, the Executive Officer for Social Development, and posted to you from Sydney.

Our office postal records reveal that the watch was sent to you by registered surface mail on the 24th March; however, should it not have reached you yet, would you be so kind as to let me know and I shall immediately make enquiries of the postal authorities here to find out what has happened to it.

Yours sincerely,



(A. T. Dix)

H. Asche, Esq.,
15 Howitt Road,
CAULFIELD, Victoria.

27th May, 1953

Dear Nigel,

We very much enjoyed having Binatake and I think he enjoyed it too: it served as a brief indoctrination period into European ways before he faces strangers and hotels.

Honor and Mr. Dix on our staff worked like Trojans and succeeded in getting all his clothes in just over a week, though it was rather a struggle. There was no question of keeping to the £37.10.0d. prescribed by the High Commissioner but there was no time to argue the toss by wireless. So we went ahead on the assumption that Binatake was to be got to the Coronation suitably garbed at as low a figure as possible having regard to present day Sydney prices. Burns Philp will be sending you the bill in due course and it will probably amount to nearer £100 than £40 but we spent nothing unnecessarily. Of course if there had been more time we might have knocked a few pounds off by going from shop to shop: and then the "bes" had to be made. On the other hand you had allowed £2 a day for his keep in Sydney (which would not have been sufficient) and as this cost him nothing the Government saved about £20 as an offset to his over expenditure on clothes. And I lent him, as you did, a number of garments, including a tropical suit and an overcoat, both altered by Honor to fit.

You certainly made a good choice in Binatake for he made a great hit wherever he went. He was quiet and self-possessed and handled our rather demanding press very well, in my opinion. Of course they wrote a lot of rot about him but most of it was a garbled version of what he actually said.

Honor has just come in to ask me to ask you to thank Joan for her letter and to say that she will write as soon as things calm down here a bit: Alaric goes off to school today so she should be able to catch up with herself again in the course of the next month or two.

W. Pusinelli, Esq., O.B.E.,
BAIRIKI, Tarawa. Gilbert Islands.

I find Sydney as the centre of the Pacific Islands very stimulating but a trifle wearing as every day is a rush, by island standards, and one never knows who is going to turn up next. We are about to start a visitors' book at the office and if the influx of the last few months continues it should soon be an interesting record of island personalities.

All the best to you both and remember to let me know when you feel like a few years with the Commission; if you remember, you promised when we met in Auckland. I was glad to hear Surridge speak highly of your work with the co-operatives: I understand that he made a point of adding a sentence to this effect to his report to the High Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

28th May, 1953

My dear Davidson,

My sincere apologies for not having answered your letter more promptly, but I was anxious to find out various matters affecting my reply before doing so.

It was really extremely kind of you to give me this second chance and I am trying every dodge with the Commission to get them to agree to my leaving; but so far without success.

I mentioned to Cyril Belshaw that Honor's health, which was the previous obstacle, was no longer a factor in the situation. After going to several specialists she found someone who diagnosed her trouble as a rather rare disease called Thyroiditis; and as a result of proper treatment she is now a new person. The change is really quite dramatic and I understand that there is no reason to anticipate a relapse as long as she goes on taking thyroid pills.

The sole complication left is that I have been bound down not to leave Commission employment except for inefficiency or misconduct, or on the grounds of medical unfitness.

*x on presumably
by mutual consent*

I have seen both Sir Brian and Dr. Ojala and pointed out that the Commission would greatly benefit by allowing me to leave and appointing someone with professional qualifications at least equal to those of the other Executive Officers. In addressing Ojala I made quite a convincing speech; but I am afraid that so far I have been unable to persuade either Sir Brian or him to back me in an approach to the Commissioners. Flattering no doubt, but damned annoying, for they could make it so easy for me.

I am going to try again with the Research Council next week and the Commissioners themselves, but I cannot in fairness expect you to wait on the result. What it amounts to then is that if I succeed in

Professor J.W. Davidson,
Australian National University,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

getting out of the Commission and you have a vacancy still left I hope you will consider me for it: but if it is filled by then it is just my bad luck.

I never knew it could be so hard to resign from a job before, and if you have any tips I should be glad to learn them. The staff, ever helpful, have suggested several pleasant ways of getting thrown out for misconduct, but one has to be careful not to overdo things and find oneself barred from a University appointment as an additional result.

I am most grateful indeed to you for the very generous way in which you have treated my ambition to join your staff. By the end of the South Pacific Conference I had no doubts left that we should get on well together. And I also now know that historical research is what I really want to do for the rest of my life: and not sitting at a desk writing letters.

One further thought: do you think Stanner would be willing to help get me out of the Commission? I am sure he could if you succeeded in interesting him. I should be willing to join you just as soon as freed.

Yours very sincerely,

27th May, 1953

Dear Eyre,

Your letter of the 13th May on the name "Kingsmill" was most welcome, but I am sorry to say that Dr. Bowden appears to be in error in his statement to you, as will be seen from the attached note by Miss Leeson, who kindly examined Krusenstern and the first edition of Findlay for me in the Mitchell.

Some day we shall get to the bottom of this mystery.

Yours sincerely,

J.E.M.

Frank Eyre, Esq.,
Oxford University Press,
G.P.O. Box No. 2784Y,
MELBOURNE, Victoria.

Naming of one part of the Gilberts as Kingsmill by Krusenstern.

This seems to be a misinterpretation of Findlay.

In his Directory for the navigation of the Pacific Ocean, pt. II (London, 1851), p.1052, he states "The name Gilbert Archipelago was given to the group by Admiral Krusenstern, after the commander of the Charlotte. Krusenstern separates them into three groups, the Kingsmill Islands, the Simpson Group, and the Scarborough Range ... All these names seem to be very appropriate, and have been for many years acknowledged; we therefore follow them. On the other hand, in the American work (Wilkes) they are all given under the collective title of the Kingsmill Islands, the name being only that of a small portion".

A footnote gives the reference to Krusenstern's Recueil de memoires hydrographiques pour servir d'analyse et d'explication à l'Atlas de l'Océan Pacifique (St. Petersburg, 1827, tom.2). Krusenstern does say he named the whole group the Gilbert Islands. As the name Marshall had already been given to another group in honour of Captain Marshall, he deemed it just that this one should bear the name of Gilbert.

But, concerning the Kingsmill Islands, he says "Le nom Kingsmill ne se trouve point sur la carte de Dalrymple, et n'est apparemment que la dénomination collective de deux sous-divisions de ce groupe, dont l'une se nomme Isles Bishop, et l'autre Sydenham Teast".

This makes it obvious that Krusenstern did not give the name Kingsmill.

A further proof is that the name was already known to Admiral Duperrey whom Krusenstern quotes a number of times, and from whom he says he received information.

Duperrey's Voyage autour du monde was published in 1826; Krusenstern's Recueil in 1827.

The volume of Krusenstern covering the history of the voyage was not completed and ends at February 1823, but in the volume Zoologie, tom.1 pt.1, on p.71 there is the statement: "Le 15 mai 1824, des pirogues que montaient des naturels de l'île de Kingsmill, vue en 1799 par le Nautilus, vinrent communiquer avec la corvette la Coquille".

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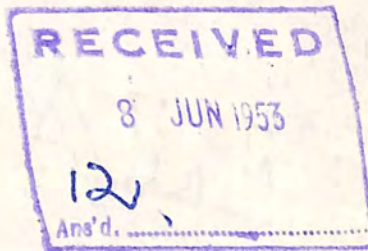


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1.6.53.

Mr. H. E. Maude,
South Pacific Commission,
26 Lower Boyle Street,
Cremorne, N.S.W.



Dear Maude,

Many thanks for your letter of the 28th of May about
Ward's book.

It seems that we are in agreement!

Yours sincerely,

Frank Eyre

File

#EM to see on return.

Probably a personal letter: check with H.W. plae.

28th May, 1953

Personal.

Dear Eyre,

You asked me about Ward's book on "British Policy in the South Pacific" but as it was some time since I had read it I delayed answering until I was able to glance at it once again.

I am afraid, however, that my second thoughts are no different from my first: in brief, I found it a rather uninspired and disappointing work. Perhaps I had been expecting too much.

Ward told me some time ago that the book had sold well (better than he had expected) and that the edition was all gone. On the other hand there seem to be plenty of secondhand copies about, at a reasonable price.

The one man who could give you a really authoritative opinion on the book is Prof. J.W. Davidson, of the School of Pacific Studies at the Australian National University: and possibly he would be willing to do this on a confidential basis.

There is a lengthy review of the work by Norman Harper of the Melbourne Historical School in "Historical Studies" for November, 1949, and another by J.A. Miles in "South Pacific" for April, 1949. Both are favourable, but I doubt if either of the reviewers was really in a position to evaluate it.

On the whole I feel that the book would be worthwhile reprinting only if Ward was prepared to go to the trouble of revising and rewriting it rather extensively.

Yours sincerely,

SLM

Frank Eyre, Esq.,
Oxford University Press,
G.P.O. Box No. 2784Y,
MELBOURNE, Victoria.

Mr. Klande,

There is fairly lengthy review of Ward's book in "Historical Studies" for November, 1949, by Norman Harper of the Melbourne History School. Unfortunately, I haven't been able to lay my hands on a copy of it for you (the M.L., of course, has a copy).

Mrs Cousins had rather the same opinion of it as yourself; she said she discovered a number of mistakes in some of sections she dealt with in detail.

Would it be unprofessional to suggest you obtain Davidson's opinion as well as yours?

A.D. 13.5.53.

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7.5.53

G.P.O. Box No. 2784Y

Personal

Mr. H. E. Maude,
South Pacific Commission,
26 Lower Boyle Street,
Cremorne, N.S.W.

Dear Maude,

I should very much appreciate your advice (if you are willing to give it) about a book that has been offered to me. This is Professor Ward's British Policy in the South Pacific that was published in 1948. I gather he wants to re-write a good deal of this and then offer it to us because he is apparently dissatisfied with his present publisher.

I am not anxious to undertake too much of this kind of thing unless it is absolutely first class, and I believe that this book had rather a poor reception when it first came out. I should be very interested, therefore, to know what your own opinion of it is, for it would be a real help to me to have such an authoritative opinion on one side of the balance. But please don't spend more time than you can spare on this. A few brief words saying little more than 'yes' or 'no' is really all that I need.

I should be grateful if you would treat all this as confidential.
All good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Eyre

Per.

1st June, 1953

Private

Dear Dr. van Baal,

In your letter of the 5th May you enquire about Mr. Leo de Ambrogi. With his friend, Mr. Eric Mack, he runs a sort of art gallery-cum-photographic studio in Pitt Street and from what we can learn about them I could not recommend that either should be granted permission to collect ethnographica in any of the South Pacific territories.

Mr. de Ambrogi is known to the British Council here, who recommended him to get in touch with us. This he did not do, but Mrs. Phelan has been to see him in his studio.

I have nothing definite against Mr. de Ambrogi but from his remarks, the views of others, and his known impecunious state I have formed the opinion that any ethnographica collected by him would be sold to the highest bidder, regardless of whether it was a museum or a private collector. And even objects which might find their way to museums will likely be scattered around the world to the despair of scientific workers: most would presumably go to the United States.

I am in entire agreement with your views on collections of ethnographica and their treatment. In fact I would go further and hope that legislation may be passed in Netherlands New Guinea by which the export of valuable material will be permitted only under licence. And licences should be granted on lines designed to facilitate the concentration of ethnographica of scientific importance ~~to~~ as few museums as possible, preference being given to the main Dutch collections. The multitude of small museums of little scientific importance should be, I feel, content with duplicates. We should be glad to suggest legislation along these, or indeed on any other, lines.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude

H.E. Maude.

His Excellency Dr. J.A. van Baal,
Governor of Netherlands New Guinea,
HOLLANDIA, Netherlands New Guinea.

Ambrogi

Intention to purchase a yacht and travel in the Pacific, making films, writing books and preparing press work, and collecting for museums.

Mr. Ambrogi described in letter to Australian Museum as having in 1950 and 1951 cooperated with Mlle. Rousseau of the Louvre, C. A. Barland of the London Museum, Dr. Heinz Dittler of the Hamburg Museum, Jacques Faubee and Henri Lehmann of the Musée de l'Homme, and Rev. P. O'Reilly to produce a book on the art of Oceania.

Dr J. van Baal.

Governor of Netherlands
New Guinea.

Hollandia, May 5th 1953.-



To :

Private.

Mr. H. E. MAUDE,

Executive Officer Social Development
Section,
South Pacific Commission.
S Y D N E Y . G.P.O. Box 5254.

Dear Mr. Maude,

A certain Mr. Leo de Ambrogi sent me a letter requesting permission to make documentary films and to collect ethnographica in this territory.

I know nothing about him and I think I ought to be careful. As long as objects are collected for bona fide musea there is some reason either not to hinder or eventually even to promote the collector's activities. But there is only small guarantee that all objects are sent to musea. Objects of native arts make fancy prices to-day and the financial basis of collector's activities is usually found in some relation with private art-dealers. By their intermediary the best pieces simply disappear in private collections.

Therefore you would greatly oblige me if, in case you would happen to know him or have heard about him, you could grant me some information about the fore-said Mr. de Ambrogi.

Yours sincerely,

Hamm

*Macki Art Gallery
183 Pitt St.*

June 2, 1953

Dear Sir Brian,

On reading through today's issue of the "Sydney Morning Herald" I noticed my name in the New South Wales list as a recipient of the Coronation Medal.

This is the first and only intimation I have received of its award and I should be grateful for your instructions as to whether the Medal should be refused and returned as being a contravention of Regulation 9 of the Commission Staff Regulations.

At first glance, this course would appear to be necessary, but on the other hand it is a moot point whether the Medal was given "in respect of my work for the South Pacific Commission", since the State Government of New South Wales has, so far as I am aware, neither knowledge of, nor interest in, my work for the Commission. It is evident, furthermore, from a perusal of other names on the State list, that the Medal has in most instances been given to prominent members of the local community regardless of any particular service rendered by them.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Brian Freeston, K.C.M.G., O.B.E.,
Secretary-General,
South Pacific Commission,
NOUMEA, New Caledonia.



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9 JUN 1953

Personal.

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And.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thank you very much
for your kind letter received last
week.

If you are unable
to let me have any further
information, perhaps you will
let me know, so I could
try at Lova. A copy of
your report would probably
cover most of my wants but
expect it is private.

Christmas Island is a special
side line of my collection. I
will collect the whole Colony

I had a good seat
given me for the Commemorative, &
had an enjoyable day. The
whole Service & procession were
delightful. Queen Salote of
Tonga insisted in an open
carriage when it rained; the
crowds gave her a great cheer
all the way.

I've sent you a set of
Commemorative stamps & a bunch
of handkerchiefs by air.

& if they are too heavy, will
mail by surface, with the
magazines I have ordered.

With many thanks

kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

William Hopkins

P.S.

London Telegraph & supplement
have been sent by air to
you, the rest by surface.

11th June, 1953

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge on behalf of Mr. H.E. Maude, your kind invitation to attend the Magna Carta Festival to be held at the Society's Rooms on Monday, the 15th June.

Unfortunately, Mr. Maude is absent from Australia at the moment attending the Fifth Research Council meeting of the South Pacific Commission and as he will not be returning to Sydney until the 20th June, he will be unable to be present at your Society's Festival.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary to H.E. Maude.

The Secretary,
The Royal Empire Society,
17 Bligh Street,
SYDNEY.

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Yours faithfully,



Secretary to H.E. Maude.

The Secretary,
The Royal Empire Society,
17 Bligh Street,
SYDNEY.

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24th June, 1953

Dear Davidson,

I have just returned from the Research Council meeting and beg to report progress as follows. I discussed my leaving the Commission separately with Sir Brian (twice), Ojala and John Ryan: all opposed it but all agreed that if I was adamant there was very little the Commission could do to hold me. Legally perhaps they could but in practice they obviously would not.

Finally, on a personal appeal from Sir Brian, I agreed to defer sending in my letter requesting permission to retire until the first week in August (this I gathered was to enable him to avoid being badgered by Commissioners writing before the Twelfth Session to enquire why I was really leaving).

Early in August I am to write officially asking to be relieved of my obligation to continue in Commission employment. This will be forwarded by Sir Brian to all Commissioners, digested by them and considered at the Twelfth Session in October; and there is no reasonable doubt that they will let me go (how could they very well keep me under the circumstances), though most likely not until next year.

In brief then, I am willing and most anxious to join you in 1954 (the actual time to suit your convenience). I can give you a personal written assurance to that effect and also a copy of my official letter to the Commissioners, but I cannot, for obvious reasons, sign a contract till October when I receive my quittance. However I can see no possibility of the Commissioners holding me and can promise that I shall join you immediately on my release (or soon after as you wish). I have thought over the matter ad nauseam and have no doubts whatsoever as to what I want to do; and Honor is now well and agrees with me.

Prof. J.W. Davidson,
Australian National University,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

If you are willing to accept this well and good: I will go straight ahead with plans and commence doing some historical research in the Mitchell Library at Commission expense. But if not, and it may well not be acceptable, I shall just try and stick out the Commission for as long as I can and then retire to grow vegetables in Wahroonga. I have also plans for buying a taxi plate.

I have your yellow cups (but alas no pie dish) and will hold them pending further instruction. We all extend you a cordial invitation to come and collect them yourself; and have some lunch.

I do hope that you will be able to put me out of my misery soon by agreeing to these proposals for leaving the Commission and coming to Canberra. I am quite bubbling over with schemes for historical work.

Yours,

25th June, 1953

Dear Cyril,

Thanks for your letter which reached me in Noumea in time to be of real service. I discussed my resignation from the Commission with the three great powers: Sir Brian, Eric Ojala and John Ryan. All opposed my going for one reason or another but all agreed that if I asked the Commissioners for permission to leave there was very little they could do about it.

Sir Brian, however, asked me not to write in until the beginning of August, largely for reasons of Commission timing. He will then forward my letter to the Commissioners who will presumably give him their answer at the Twelfth Session in October. There is no reasonable doubt that they will let me go all right, for how could they ever well do anything else. But it seems probable that they will not want me to leave until the middle or end of 1954.

I have written to Davidson asking him if he is willing to accept my personal assurance that I shall join him when released, reinforced by a copy of my letter to the Secretary-General requesting permission to retire. I cannot, for obvious reasons, sign a formal letter of acceptance of any A.N.U. offer until after the Commissioners meet in October and I get my quittance. If Davidson replies that this arrangement is acceptable to him I shall go right ahead with plans to settle in Canberra and also commence getting my hand in with some historical research in the Mitchell.

Now as regards yourself, I have already told Ojala that you would be my own selection for a successor if I am asked. He did not commit himself but I sensed that he would probably give you his backing. I may be wrong, however, as I do not always understand the workings of his mind.

If then Davidson agrees to my joining him in 1954 it would seem to be satisfactory from your point of view too. Your best plan would be to wait till I put my letter in (I will let you know when it has gone) and then forward an application to McKay explaining that you could not formally

Dr. C.S. Belshaw,
Australian National University,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

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accept until mid or late 1954 and join till 1955. You could send a copy at the same time to the Secretary-General and a personal letter to Ojala.

I do hope that all goes well and that you can take over from me in due course: and so I may say do my staff.

Wishing you all good luck and many thanks for your kind help,

Yours,

JRM.

30th June, 1953

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter 53/20/14054 of the 28th May I enclose my passport showing that I have permission to visit Australia as a student for a period of 12 months from the 12th March, 1953, granted by the Department of Immigration at Canberra.

I am enrolled as a student at the Tresillian Mothercraft Training School at Willoughby and am at present waiting for a vacancy to enable me to enter the School and commence my 15 months course.

I should therefore be grateful for a further year's extension of the period in which I am permitted to stay in Australia, i.e. until the 11th March, 1955. While resident in this country I am being maintained by my parents, who are employed by the Government of Netherlands New Guinea at Hollandia.

Yours faithfully,

S.M. Govaars.

Commonwealth Migration Officer,
Department of Immigration,
18-20 York Street,
SYDNEY.

7th July, 1953

Dear Jaap,

I was very glad to get your letter of the 29th June, with its accompanying cheque. What pleased me most was to find that you were now so financial, for the first time in years, that you could afford to part with the whole amount at once. Many thanks anyway, and I hope it has not put you the wrong side of the red line.

Yes, do by all means come and see us whenever you like. Sunday is by far the best day: come to lunch but be sure to ring up a few days before as sometimes we are all away and at other times, particularly during the winter, my wife is ill.

We have a Dutch girl, Basje Govaars, staying with us at the moment and her brothers, Lex and Rob come on most Sunday afternoons. And last Sunday we had Mrs. Kroon and her two children straight out from Holland. So we are becoming quite Dutch ourselves.

I was trying to get in touch with you a month or two ago to see if you knew of anyone able and willing to do Dutch translation work for this office, but was told definitely that you had left for Holland. If you know of anyone good please get in touch with me as we have quite a lot of work from time to time and all we can find is people who translate into a sort of Dutch-English, which is no use as it all has to be done again.

Honor joins me in sending our best wishes for your further success.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Jaap Kunst,
40 Mona Road,
DARLING POINT.

22nd July, 1953

Private and Confidential.

Dear Nigel,

This is just to continue the theme commenced in my letter of the 27th May by saying that the position of Deputy to the Executive Officer for Social Development is likely to be advertised before the end of the year, so let me know if you would like to apply.

The post is classified as "Research Officer" and would be a Grade II appointment on a salary somewhere between £STG.950 and £STG. 1,400 plus a children's allowance, free of income tax, residence to be in Sydney, with a good deal of travelling in the 19 South Pacific territories. The work is in effect research organization and very interesting. Rents are payable by the Commission after the first 15% of your salary.

If you are interested in this matter you would presumably prefer to be seconded to the Commission for a period of say three years. This procedure should be acceptable to the Commissioners also.

Of course the choosing of a deputy would not be in my hands entirely, but I imagine I should have a say in the selection.

Honor asks me to mention that she still intending to write to your wife but things have been a bit rushed lately and her correspondence is in sad arrears.

With best wishes from us both,

Yours very sincerely,



N. Pusinelli, Esq., O.B.E.,
BAIRIKI, Tarawa, Gilbert Islands.

22nd July, 1953

Dear Sir,

In May last you paid several bills for outfitting Mr. Binatake Tokatake, on authority from the Resident Commissioner of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

I now enclose a further account amounting to £4.15. Od. for a black dress lap lap which was sent on to Mr. Tokatake in London by airfreight.

I have paid this account myself and should be grateful if the sum due could be refunded to me.

Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude.

Island Agencies Department,
Burns Philp & Co.,
Bridge Street,
SYDNEY.

22nd July, 1953

Dear Mr. Galis,

Many thanks indeed for kindly sending me a personal copy of the first supplement to your excellent bibliography of Netherlands New Guinea.

This will be a valuable addition to my collection of Pacific bibliographies of which I have, by now, almost a complete set.

Would it be possible for me to obtain a copy also of your main bibliography, to which this is the supplement. There is one in the Commission Library, but alas I have none myself.

Yours sincerely,

JLM

Mr. K.W. Galis,
Kantoor voor Bevolkingszaken,
HOLLANDIA, Netherlands New Guinea.


2 Netherby Street,
WAHROONGA, N.S.W.

6th August, 1953

Dear Sir,

In reply to your attached card I would advise that I am now in possession of all works by Louis Becke, including the one which you have kindly reserved for me.

Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude.

Dymock's Book Arcade Ltd.1
424-426 George Street,
SYDNEY.

2 Netherby Street,
WAHROONGA, N.S.W.
Australia.

6th August, 1953

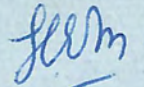
Dear Sir,

I should be grateful if you would kindly send me a copy of the Birth Certificate of my father, Walter Maude, 8th son of Thomas John Maude and Louisa Emily Hamer. He was born on the 3rd June, 1862, probably in Rugby, England.

The Certificate is required by the Passport authorities in Australia in support on my application for the renewal of my United Kingdom passport.

I enclose a cheque for 7/6d. in payment.

Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude.

The Registrar-General,
Somerset House,
The Strand,
LONDON, W.C.2, England.

10th August 1953.

Dear Father O'Reilly,

I wonder if I might enlist your kind assistance in obtaining a copy of the following articles:-

Fradin, E. "Descriptions et plans des îles composant l'archipel Gilbert".

The article is quoted in the bibliography to Hartzka, F. "Les Îles Blanches des Mers du Sud". Paris 1900, but I have been unable to trace it either in Australia or New Zealand.

A photostat or microfilm would do very well indeed and I would of course refund all costs by return of post.

Yours sincerely,



H. E. Maude.

Father R.P. Patrick O'Reilly,
Société des Oceanistes,
Musée de l'Homme,
Place du Trocadéro,
PARIS, (XVIIe),
France.

20th August, 1953.

PERSONAL.

Dear Sir Brian,

I tried to get a booking to Noumea between now and your departure on the 27th but there seems to be little hope of my succeeding, though Stuzzi is still trying. If I do manage it I shall be over on Tuesday and would propose to stay until the following plane.

Failing this opportunity I am taking it that you have no great objections to my postponing matters till my arrival in Noumea about the 28th September. I am just finishing my report on the New Hebrides and it would suit me best if I could discuss this with Guiart at the same time.

The news of Larsen being murdered on Niue quite shocked us here: he is the first Resident Commissioner to be murdered by his parishioners in my experience.

We have never had such a quiet period in this office since I first started.

Yours sincerely,

J.E.M.

Sir Brian Freeston,
Secretary-General,
South Pacific Commission,
NOUMEA,
New Caledonia.

17th August, 1953.

Dear Sir Brian,

Thank you for your telegram approving my visit to Noumea, and for the second one letting me know about the Conference to be held on the 28th September.

In view of the fact that I shall be coming over for this Conference I have been in a quandary whether I should be justified in slipping over earlier as well; before you leave on the 27th August.

In the hope that it will help a decision I am awaiting the letter promised in your second telegram but as the mail is about to close and it has not yet arrived I must send this interim note to explain matters. When it comes I shall send you a telegram.

Wanda spoke to us on the telephone on Saturday and is evidently once again vocal and doing well. Professor Raymond Firth, Dr. Cyril Belshaw and Dr. Massal are all coming to dinner tonight so Honor is a bit nervous. Reid Cowell and his wife looked in on Friday and will have seen you by the time you receive this: I sensed that he was not altogether happy at being transferred to the New Hebrides, though if he gets the assistant R.C.'s job it will be quite definite promotion for him.

Yrs,

John

Sir Brian Freeston,
Secretary-General,
South Pacific Commission,
NOUMEA,
New Caledonia.

13th August. From Noumea. To South Pacific Commission. 237

For Maude.

Message.

Your despatch 10th August personal by all means come over whenever you wish. Ojala will be absent on duty August 14th August 27th, and I August 28th September 19th.

(Signed) Freeston.

SYDNEY
47 York Street
10 Spring Street
Phone: B 0544



MELBOURNE
167 Queen Street
360 Collins Street
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25th August, 1953

Dear Mr. Porter,

Your letter of the 19th August to Miss Ida Leeson, enquiring about various points connected with the history of Christmas Island, has been referred to me by her as one who can possibly help you.

I suggest that, rather than my endeavouring to reply in writing and thus very likely miss some of the details you require, it might be best if we arranged to have a talk, preferably at my home where the references we may need are available.

Would you therefore care to 'phone me one evening? My address is 2 Netherby Street, Wahroonga, and 'phone number JW.1460.

I imagine that you are not in any particular hurry, as for the moment my son, who has developed mumps, has been placed in quarantine in my study so it will be a week or so before it is available for use by me; and my references are there, likewise many of the books and pamphlets.

In case it is of any interest, I enclose copies of recent correspondence with Mr. W.R.G. Hopkins on Christmas Island. As you probably know, he is one of a trio in England engaged in serious study of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony postmarks.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

Mr. Harry S. Porter,
26, Billyard Avenue,
WAHROONGA.

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16th September, 1953

Dear Dean Ryerson,

I am really most contrite at not having replied before to your very kind letter expressing regret at my leaving the Commission. As a matter of fact I was a bit uncertain how I ought to answer it, for while it is true that at various times I have contemplated leaving the Commission I have never made any official move in that direction, possibly because I am tremendously interested in my work here.

At the moment it does not, in any case, seem feasible for me to leave the staff for I am bound down by a five-year contract which does not expire for another three years.

May I think this opportunity of saying how happy I was to see the other day that you have been appointed Commissioner for the U.S. This is very good news for us on the Research Council and is a reassuring sign of the importance which the American Government places on the research side of the Commission's activities.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Session in a few weeks time,

Yours very sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

Dean Knowles A. Ryerson,
University of California,
College of Agriculture,
BERKELEY 4, Calif. U.S.A.

Personal

Box 5254, G.P.O.,
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With best wishes from my wife and us all in the office,

Yours ever,

Lee M.

L. Cottrell-Dormer, Esq.,
Regional Agricultural Officer,
SAMARAI, S.E. Papua.

Per.

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Yours,

J.L.M.

Miss Noni Rowland,
Australian Broadcasting Commission,
G.P.O. Box 487,
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REFERENCE.....

A.B.C. News Service,
16.9.53

Maudie me pet!

Just see how famous I could
make you. Wouldn't you like your
name to become a household world
in twenty countries?

Having great fun despatching
copies of this to half the S.P.C.

How are you and how's Nancy?
I thought you might be pining away
over at Cremorne, so why not come
and have some coffee one day.

Sincerely,

Maudie

RADIO AUSTRALIA

OVERSEAS SERVICE

AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION

WORLD SHORTWAVE POPULARITY POLL -

RADIO AUSTRALIA GAINS SECOND PLACE

Radio Australia, the A.B.C.'s Overseas Service has just won second place in the 1953 shortwave popularity poll conducted by the International Short Wave Club of London. This survey was an endeavour to discover the most popular and regularly listened to short wave station in the world. First place was won by the British Broadcasting Corporation's Overseas Service with the Swiss Short Wave Service in third place. Radio Canada (C.B.C.'s International Service) was fifth and the Voice of America in twelfth place. The secretary of the International Short wave Club, Mr. Arthur E. Bear, in notifying the result of the contest announced that a winning essay, run in conjunction with the poll, submitted by Thomas H. Zieske, Roseville, Michigan, U.S.A. read as follows:

"Number one choice is without question Radio Australia. Judging from the reliability and fidelity of reception here in Roseville (USA) this station must certainly employ the very best in technical equipment. It's choice of program material is equally good and just what we want to hear. In addition, the friendly, sincere and helpful attitude of its personnel has won a great many lasting friendships and is constantly winning more. I honestly think no other radio station has contributed as much to the cause of shortwave listening, international understanding and goodwill as this "Voice from Down Under". Radio Australia is truly a high quality broadcast station and a credit to the country it represents."

MELBOURNE,

Sept. 9th, 1953.

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John

Miss Noni Rowland,
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SYDNEY.

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Persona 1

Miss Leeson,

I should be most grateful if, while I am away, you could kindly make some enquiries about the possibility of Rob Govaars getting into a Technical High School in Sydney. At the moment he is booked to go to Wagga Agricultural College, but apparently hates the thought, and I have an idea that he might brace himself up and do some work if only he thought that it would enable him to get into a Technical School.

2. What I am anxious to know is whether:-

- (i) there is any chance of him getting in anywhere;
- (ii) there are any entrance requirements, e.g. the Intermediate;
- (iii) there are hostels or boarding establishments attached to any of the schools (or indeed any arrangements at all made for boys whose parents are abroad; and
- (iv) the cost (school fees, accommodation and board etc.).

I am rather worried about Rob as he seems to be getting nowhere at present.

JLM.

9.10.53

R

40 Mona Rd.,
Darling Point.

Mr. & Mrs H.E. Maude,
2 Netherby Street,
Wahronga.

13th October, 1953.

Dear Mr. and Mrs Maude,

My apologies for not ringing again ~~after~~ a fortnight after our latest telephone conversation. I was working on a show that day and forgot clean about it. I hope the unhappy events you told me about have straightened themselves out and that all is well with you and Elleric.

My life has been a whirl of activities for the past few months and my favourite sport in my spare time is sleeping. Apart from the photo studio, which is purely a routine and comparatively safe, I am now running a weekly dance and for the rest take any musical engagement I can get. Financially spoken I am doing fine but the desire for civilisation is gradually becoming so strong that I am seriously thinking of going back to Europe and settling down to a more satisfactory way of life. Getting married here is also out of the question as I am forced to live and work amongst people I have nothing in common with, a community full of prejudice, superstition, ignorance and ~~xxxxx~~ consequently a warped sense of values which can only lead to disaster, and does invariably as many of my friends have sadly experienced. In order to stay out of strife, I had better find myself more suitable surroundings and the only way open seems to be Europe. I have made a booking for the 21st March and consider that the deadline.

~~xxxxxxx~~ I now have my own transport in the shape of a small Renault car which makes me considerably more mobile and I wonder if I may come and see you on Sunday week. Perhaps I could also tackle some of the translation work if not someone else is doing it.
Many regards and best wishes,

Yours truly,

Jack Kinnear

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*Bank of New South Wales,
Sydney.*

15th October, 1953.

Dear Harry,

I phoned your home today but found out that you and Honor were over in Noumea. The purpose of my call was to ask you to kindly give one of our Officers, Mr. L.J.F. McHugh, a Letter of Introduction to the Government Representatives in the New Hebrides and the Solomon Islands. Mr. McHugh is Assistant to the Chief Inspector of the Bank and was at one time Manager at Lautoka.

The object of Mr. McHugh's visit is to make a brief survey for the Bank. For purposes of keeping the Bank well informed, our Officers make periodical visits such as this and any assistance that you could be to him would be very much appreciated both by him and the Bank.

Mr. McHugh's itinerary is as follows:

- 19th October. Leave Sydney for Vila per plane
- 20th-24th Oct. At Vila.
- 24th October. Depart Vila per "Malaita" for Honiara.
- 29th Oct. -
- 9th November. At Honiara.
- 10th November. Leave Honiara for Sydney.

If you could manage to furnish him with Letters of Introduction which he could pick up during his short stay in Noumea, I would indeed be very grateful.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Spark

(J.H. Spark)

H.E. Maude, Esq., O.B.E.,
Executive Officer,
Social Development,
South Pacific Mission,
NOUMEA.

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27th October, 1953.

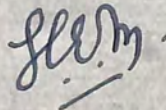
Dear Jimmy,

I'm sorry to say that your letter of the 15th October must have arrived by the same plane as Mr. McHugh and was not delivered until he had left.

I'm afraid I was unable, therefore, to give him the letters of introduction for use in the New Hebrides and Solomon Islands, though I should naturally have been glad to have done so. It was no use sending them on to Vila, as again the letter would not have been delivered until after Mr. McHugh's departure for Honiara. If only he had got in touch with me during his visit here: but I expect he was too rushed.

Honor joins me in sending our best wishes to you both,

Yours sincerely,



H. E. Maude.

J. H. Spark, Esq.,
Bank of New South Wales,
George Street,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Reps.

9th September, 1953

Dear Sir,

I am grateful for the kind invitation of the President and Council of the Royal Society to be present at a Film Evening on the 17th September. Unfortunately, I shall not be in Sydney at that time. However, should my travel arrangements be delayed in any way, I shall be glad to attend.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude
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The Hon. Secretary,
The Royal Society of New South Wales,
Science House,
Gloucester & Essex Streets,
SYDNEY.

PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR REPLY
TO THE HON. SECRETARIES

The Royal Society of New South Wales

TEL. BU 1414

*Science House,
Gloucester & Essex Streets,
Sydney, 31st. August, 1953.*

The President and Council of the Royal Society of New South Wales have much pleasure in inviting you to be present at a Film Evening to be held on Thursday, the 17th. September, 1953, in the Hall of Science House, 157 Gloucester Street, Sydney, at 8.00 p.m. The following films will be shown:

"Kapingamarangi", by courtesy of the South Pacific Commission.

"The River", by courtesy of the N.S.W. Film Council.

To:

Mr. H. A. Maude,
Chief Executive Officer,
Social Development Section,
South Pacific Commission,
Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

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Yours,

In honor of Delegates to the Eighth Pan-Pacific Science Congress.



*The Minister of the Republic of the Philippines
and M^{rs} Roberto Regala
request the pleasure of the company of*

Mr. H. E. Maude

at Cocktails

on Thursday, 12th November 1953 *at* 5:30-7 p.m. o'clock

*Answered
2.11.53*

R.S.V.P
TEL. FA 8380

107 DARLING POINT ROAD
DARLING POINT, SYDNEY

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Samarai, :

9.9.53.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Please note my new address. Enclosed for your information is newspaper account of change in the Mikes. I have been transferred to Samarai as Regional Agricultural Officer, ^{S.E.} Papua, just when I expected, with help from D.D.S. & Co. to take a bite of the good cake I had cooked! The local French missionary said "C'est le sort des fondateurs". My wife said "you should not sow dragons' teeth" I said "Tant qu'on a des surprises il faut qu'on obéisse" - and here I am. Samarai is a delightful spot and I think the ground is good for sowing dragons' teeth despite my good spouse's advice! but we shall see.

kindest regards to you all,

Sincerely yours,

L. Cottrell-Dorman

NEW CONTROL OVER

South Pacific Post, 8.7.53.

MEKEO PROJECT

The District Commissioner and the Director of Agriculture are to take over control of the Mekeo Rice Project, the Administrator, Mr. D. M. Cleland, announced yesterday.

Mr. Cleland announced details of a plan to re-organise and re-orientate the whole project.

The re-organisation plan is contained in a report submitted to Mr. Cleland by a committee including the District Commissioner, Mr. S. Elliott-Smith, the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Mr. W. Henderson and the Treasurer, Mr. H. H. Reeve.

Mr. Cleland said he had accepted all the recommendations of the committee.

The highlights of the re-organisation are:

- District Commissioner to production, processing, control and co-ordinate milling and marketing in conjunction with the Director of Agriculture.
- Co-operative Section of District Services to re-organise Rural Progress Societies into Co-operative Societies.
- Treasurer to advance funds for the purchasing of assets of the Rural Progress Societies.

When the Rural Progress Societies become Co-operative Societies they will function as purchasing, processing and marketing agents only.

The A.D.O., Kairuku, and his Patrol Officers will be responsible for the production side of the project.

The Patrol Officers will work in close co-operation with the Extension Officers of the Department of Agriculture.

The Agriculture Department will maintain all mechanical equipment and will be responsible for the technicalities of rice production and milling.

Mr. Cleland said the acreage of rice planted would be decided upon by the producer as an individual after consultation with the A.D.O. and Agriculture Officers.

The Co-operative Society will not grow rice as an organisation.

The hire of any machinery will be the responsibility of the individual native.

Mr. Cleland said there would be five European Staff

in the Mekeo connected with the Project.

These would be a Patrol Officer stationed at a patrol post to be built in the Mekeo; an Assistant Co-operative Officer; Two Agriculture Extension Officers; and a mechanic.

The mechanic will be stationed at the area workshops at Epo.

One Agriculture Extension Officer will be stationed at Beiba and the other at In-uaia.

x Needless to say I doubt
the wisdom of this
W.C.D.

Reno.

5.11.53.

Dear Harry, I found yours
of 25.9.53 among others
in a file on my desk
tonight (note "tonight") and
as I have no typists at
this hour, & the "Charlotte"
gets away at 8:30 Am. to
Connect with TEAK in
Antutaku you must take
this.

The news about Homer
came to me when I was
wondering how sick I
really was. I had already
convinced myself of a
tumor and when Ina
McKay told me about
Mick and Homer — both
of whom had apparently
picked up a bug similar

To the one which bit me
in honour, I was very
depressed.

In "driving" again (or
"in the seat" again) but
In going very slowly.
Am expecting to retire
at ~~the~~ one minute past the
allotted 3/4 of servitude
and away to N. 2.

We had planned retiring
here, but it seems too much
of a gamble now.

Ken Davies wrote saying
he expected to be in honour
— you will find him
one mass of ideas —
Another Hayden but with
his feet on the ground

and an extraordinary
social shyness.

A grand chap —
You couldn't help liking
him once you got by
his gruff exterior which
is a bluff to hide his
shyness.

The magazine (No. 2) is
better because it has the
English translations in
small print.

Sorry about all the
illustrations but Henderson
went to an Outer island
with the "Gospel" and left
his office in a shamble.

He's for it when I catch
up with him. Maybe it's
married life did it.

Please give Ben
my regards — I'm
not even going to say
I'm sorry not to have
written. I was damned
ill — am getting better —
and will write him
when I'm well.

As for Helen — see
para above.

Good luck to you
all with the Commissioners
God bless 'em!

Best wishes

I still think the ^{Hugh} Hayden
report stinks. It's a fake
— Joe Antuna was laughing
up his sleeve!! ^{Hugh}

Pz

A first look at
the 16 mm. films
of J. Educ. is most
heartening. Percy will
cut and edit it when
he gets back.

The Community Centre
is trying to get out
No. 3. of "Junior Koreans"
without aid of midwife!

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19th November, 1953

Dear Miss Mort,

Just before Mr. Maude left for Manila, he asked me to send you a copy of the Manual of Gregg's Shorthand Simplified. I have asked Mr. Pieris if he would be kind enough to put this book among his things when he goes back to Noumea next week and he has kindly agreed.

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C/o Burns Philp & Co Ltd.
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Thank you very much for your letters of 27th May, and 22nd July. First of all I want to thank you & Mrs Maude very much indeed for all you did for Binatake. I am afraid we sent down a very raw specimen, but after your grooming he turned up trumps & has come back quite unspoilt and yet full of confidence in himself & seeing the European point of view. He is also very proud that he has kept off liquor since his visit to you. He must have had a wonderful time but is very reserved about describing all the marvels which he saw, mainly of course because the Gilbertese just won't believe him. On the way back he stayed with Roger Greene at his home just outside Melbourne & so his stays in Australia which might have been difficult were in fact among the best parts of the whole trip.

At the time of writing I & the family are on board ship en route to New Zealand for mid tour leave, hence the address which will find us until the end of November. It hardly seems 2 years since we got back from long leave, but my time as DOGID has gone so quickly. We are being met by an aunt in NZ who has come out from England to spend leave with us & she will take Wendy home to school. They will be sailing on the 25th November and then Joan, Antony & I return to Tarawa according to present plans. I do wish you & Mrs Maude were still in NZ as there is so much about the Gilberts which we could talk about and in particular I would very much like to have been able to discuss with you the suggestion of a job in the SPC.

Your letter of 22nd July has set me a very real poser and as I can't discuss it with you I think the only thing to do is to put all the considerations before you and ask for your advise. As we shall be here for a few months it will enable us to correspond without all the delays inherent in Tarawa. My hopes and plans have always been that in 1955 I would complete my present tour in the G&EIC and be transferred away. What I would like most then is a 2 years' secondment to the Colonial Office, but as that may not eventuate I expect to go to some other Colony. I've no particular preference, but I want to get out of the Pacific so as to be nearer home where the children will be at school and I feel that I should go somewhere where there are real political problems rather than the benevolent despotism of Government here.

Now a cloud has come over the horizon, Stanley has declared that the WPHC is a big enough unit to provide a life's work and implied that there will be no more transfers out of it. Further he has recently got the S. of S. to agree to delegate to the H. Cr. his powers of transferring us between WPHC territories, so that at Stanley's whim I might find myself sent to the BSIP or New Hebrides. I and some of the other AOs have addressed memorials to the S. of S. protesting against this change in our conditions of service, as we feel that one of the only sure ways to get out is to be unpopular. Further life in the WPHC is not as congenial as it used to be. I have had a very enjoyable and interesting 2 years as DO and according to present decisions am going back to the

same job. I like the work and the Gilbertese and really feel I am getting somewhere with their advancement, so I don't want to leave yet & almost feel I would let them down if I quitted now. On the other hand the present R.Cr, Bernacchi, is impossible - I won't enlarge lest I am libellous - and the new WPHC set up at Honiara is I gather even worse, so that from that point of view the sooner I shake the sands of the WPHC off my feet the better. Here however there are a couple of complications;

1) Bernacchi is proposing to amalgamate the Gilberts & Ellice into one district sometime next year if the S.of S. approves with a Grade I AO in charge and says that there will be a local promotion - obviously as DOGID I am in the running especially as Laxton who was DO Ocean for a couple of years and virtually promised DOGID over my head while I was to go to Canton blotted his financial copybook very badly recently. Naturally if I am going to get this promotion, I don't want to quit until I have, on the other hand if someone else gets it or someone comes from outside then the sooner I go the better.

2) The H.Cr. wants Brabant, the Acc G. who succeeded Fuller, to go and act as F.S. next year when Macleod Smith &/or Minnit are on leave. Brabant is refusing to go and evidently discussed the possibility of my going - I was nearly taken last year to Suva when Hinchey left. While to do this would presumably be good experience I do not want to go to Honiara so that if this really hangs over my head I would rather quit now.

All this boils down to meaning that I am happy to stay as DOGID until 1955 providing no one else is promoted over me or I am hauled off to Honiara, and I want to stay if it really means promotion. On the other hand I want without fail to get out of WPHC in 1955 and would go now if the provisos come about.

Now as to the actual job you suggest. Frankly Research is not exactly my forte and I am not over enthusiastic about the SPC (if I was appointed I would naturally be very interested in the work & do my best at it), also I am not very keen to live in Australia, but above all I wonder where it leads to. This latter seems to me to be the crux of my problem; what would the future hold for me after say a 3 years' secondment to the SPC, would I just return to the WPHC!? if so what, or would it provide me with an opportunity to get a Colonial office secondment or transfer elsewhere. If it did then I think I should try to leave the WPHC now rather than risk getting sent to the BSIP in a year or so. On the other hand if there is little likelihood of providing a permanent escape back into the main Colonial service stream I think I should give it a miss.

One of my difficulties is that I can't ask Bernacchi's advice or about my future prospects as one just does not know which way he would react & he would be bound to tell everyone else about it. I thus feel that you are the only person who can really help with advice as to what the future of the SPC job would be and then help me weigh up the pros and cons of applying for it or just 'soldiering on' for another 18 months and then trying to get out as already planned.

One service aspect connected with the SPC job which might influence me is the question of leave. As I have already said I am due for home leave in 1955, would I get this? And what are the leave conditions generally? As far as salary is concerned I would not be interested in the minimum of the scale as I am now on £FL,000 plus allowances which means about £stg 1,000, only the Colony rate of income tax and only 5% rent also the cost of living at Tarawa is fairly good, whereas even though the SPC salary is tax free the high costs in Australia probably make it not worth as much.

So there are my doubts and queries about my present position and the SPC job you suggest. I would of course be very very pleased to be able to work under you again & whilst the work might not be exactly my line of country I have no doubt I could do it fairly adequately. I must confess however that I would look upon it as a means of escape from the WPHC rather than a job I really want to do. I also feel very complimented that you should make the suggestion to me as I know that Cowell and Turbott would be green with envy if they knew that I might get this job - Cowell has just been transferred to the New Hebrides & Turbott is nearly thinking of throwing his hand in if Bernacchi gets any more difficult in the office (Turbott being at present S to G).

Things at Tarawa have moved quite a bit & seen quite a few changes since you left & particularly during this last year. HQs now to be at Bairiki with District at Betio. The School has been built at Bikenibeu (or rather its half built) & the hospital is to be built beside it. Sinclair, ex Chief Engineer, is now ME and in charge of the construction, houses to be concrete brick with thatch roofs. McKenzie & Brundell have resigned because they cant pass their exams. Bernacchi says he is going to de-colonise Nanra, Christmas Island has been virtually written of as useless except as a plantation, while many of the things you had to consider have been thought up again as new ideas & then often found wanting. And so it goes on, all predecessors were fools & great thoughts & schemes are only now beginning - and how! The Gilberts however will win in the end & some of the silliness of last year are already beginning to come home to roost & the tempo is slackening. Perhaps it makes you a little sad to hear of strange goings on, it certainly makes me feel like that at times.

Any way now I am on leave and away from it all for 3 months & by the time I am back Cartland will be acting until about February while Bernacchi is on leave, so we may get a bit of peace.

All my family are in rebounding health. Wendy is a real little Miss now full of knowlege, while Antony who is now 3½ is a real touch & an absolute monkey. Joan too is well although she finds the family rather wearing and is looking forward to plenty of rich food in NZ. We hope to mke contact with Eryl while we are there & shall almost certainly see Jenny Milne in Wellington. I hope Mrs Maude is well & has managed to catch up on her letterwriting. I am trying to do mine now! Joan joins me in sending you both our kindest regards. I shall be anxiously awaiting you advise & help regarding my future & perhaps we shall see you in Sydney in the new year. *Yours sincerely
Nigel.*

The Council and the Principal of the
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on the occasion of the

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3rd December, 1953

Dear Sir,

On behalf of Mr. H.E. Maude, I wish to acknowledge with thanks your kind invitation to him to attend the conferring of Diplomas on Monday, the 7th December. Unfortunately, Mr. Maude has been delayed in Manila, where he is attending the Eighth Pacific Science Congress and it is doubtful whether he will have returned to Sydney by that date.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary to H.E. Maude.

The Registrar,
Australian School of Pacific Administration,
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Personal.

11th December, 1953

Dear Binatake,

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I am sending you under cover of this letter a cheque for £3.10. Od., which you left with my wife for safe keeping: you should have no difficulty in cashing it at the Treasury.

And while I think of it, may I have my light overcoat back sometime as I am leaving for England myself early next year and shall need it?

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With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from us both,

Yours sincerely,

John

Mr. Binatake Tokatake,
C/- The Secretary to Government,
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony
TARAWA, Gilbert Islands, Central Pacific.

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11th December, 1953

Dear Jaap,

I am sorry not to have replied before to your letter which, however, arrived while my wife and I were away in Noumea.

We returned again all right but only for a few busy days, since when I have been in the Philippines and Indonesia, so you will understand that your letter, like many others has perforce to remain unanswered.

I expect, however, that you telephoned our house when you got no reply and so learned that we were away.

I wonder if you are still intending to return to Europe? We ourselves leave for England early in May though, unlike you, I have little desire to go and very much prefer this part of the world. I agree, however, that local values are essentially material, and there is an absence of a sense of history which does not make for stability.

Sorry but the translation work has long ere this been done by someone else. Come and look us up some Sunday, but ring or write in advance, as you did this time, as we are far from always at home.

Yours sincerely,

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40 Mona Road,
DARLING POINT.

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TARAWA, Gilbert Islands, Central Pacific.

Dear Maude

14th December, 1953.

We do need your help very badly and we hope that you will assist us to get out of these difficulties. It might be that all has been arranged and that everything is Ok. but just in case there are, we do need some assistance to prevent a calamity.

One of the requirements to enter the Wagga college is the completion of the forms for medical examination and for character reference. I have written to the Headmaster of Newington college some months ago, requesting him to assist us and to arrange for these forms etc. I have further written to the Principal of Wagga college asking him several information in connection with the date of commencement of the school, their outfit, etc. Both letters remained without any reply and as we were very busy here and had all kind of things to arrange I must admit that I forgot about them. Perhaps the Newington Headmaster has done what I requested and everything is Ok. But today I received a letter from the Principal of Wagga college dated 14th September and forwarded by surface mail to Naucuma and from there again by surface mail to Holland. In this letter he asked me to complete the forms and to forward these completed forms to him before the end of October adding: "If your sons do not now intend to enter this college, non receipt of the forms by the above date will be taken as notification of withdrawal of the application." I have written today to the Principal of Wagga college and also to the Headmaster of Newington college, Mr. Pyke, asking for information whether they have received (arranged for) these forms.

I am afraid that this might still not be enough, so therefore I come with this difficulty to you. Would you please ring the Headmaster of Newington and the Principal of Wagga and find out what the position is and in case something is wrong would you then explain the position and tell the Principal of Wagga that there was no question of withdrawal, but only through these circumstances he did not receive the forms in time. Furthermore the Headmaster of Newington has forwarded the intermediate certificate of her to the Principal of Wagga and I have written to him asking some information. My letter was around the beginning of October and must have been in his possession before the end of October.

Since you will need the forms I am enclosing two copies of the medical certificate and one of the character reference. I am going to Hollandia next Saturday, the 19th, and my address will be "Government Secretariat, Hollandia, W.N.G."

As you will understand we are very worried and we prefer not to think about what has to happen in case the applications are considered to have been withdrawn. We do hope very much that in that case you will be able to do something about it. But let's hope that we are worried for nothing and that all is arranged and etc.

Margaret has just written our Christmas wishes with news from here. I will not add to that.

Hoping to hear from you as soon as possible in Hollandia and with my kindest regard to you three sincerely
Paul

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Dear Sir,

I very probably shall be coming to Sydney on the plane of
December 30th. I hope you haven't forgotten about your doctor friend,
and that he will be able to look after me before the Landerra meeting

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could you tell the J.P.S. people that the Institute would like
to receive a hundred copies of my paper on Polynesian songs in Ouvea,
plus the ordinary number of reprints for the author. We would pay for them.

I hope Mrs Maude is going on well on string figures and
that the photographs are of some help.

With best regards,

J. Guillard

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SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA

22nd December, 1953.

Dear Miss Moodie Heddle,

I received your letter of the 16th December concerning "The Story of the Pacific" this morning and note that you would like a reply before the 24th December; this leaves me very little time so please forgive me if this letter is not as coherent as it ought to be. I shall have to try and get it off by to-night's post.

I should perhaps start off by explaining the limitations of my reply so that you and Mrs. Gardiner can pull it to pieces with the utmost freedom of conscience. These limitations are:-

- (i) lack of time;
- (ii) lack of knowledge of the history syllabus of the schools for whom the book is planned and the customary approach to history teaching in those schools; and
- (iii) lack of knowledge of exactly how the subjects mentioned in the draft contents are to be treated.

I think much depends on this treatment. History includes known facts, conjectures about other facts, and their interpretation. Sir Richard Livingstone holds the view that history, as the historian thinks of it, cannot and should not be taught before the pupil has reached a certain emotional maturity; he goes as far as to say that it can hardly be taught before the university stage. Many people would say that all that can be done between the age range of 11-14 is to acquaint children with some of the facts and to give them a feeling for time sequence and geography.

This may be Mrs. Gardiner's intention; or quite legitimately she may not support Livingstone's views; or they may not fit in with the practical

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requirements of Australian school syllabuses. But it is a thinking point and my own reaction to the contents as described is, as I say, that a great deal depends on the treatment.

For example, I feel that in the draft of Chapter 1 which you sent me there is some ambivalence between material and treatment suitable for the 11-14 group (for example, the opening paragraph) and material more suitable for higher classes in secondary schools (for example some of paragraph 2 on page 2, the last four lines on page 5, and the style of writing on page 6). At times one feels that the material would make very suitable reading for the individual child or in the schools; at other times one feels there is some tendency to slip into the teachers handbook style. I feel that Higham's own book "Landmarks of World History" is a good example of a book which fairly consistently overcomes most of the above problems; it is perhaps a bit "young" for the children you have in mind but it is the sort of thing which the children in the Pacific island schools can cope with. Longmans' "Story of Northern Rhodesia" seeks to do the same, though I agree it is not history in the historians sense.

The proposed contents of the book look attractive, if the age group for whom the book is intended is kept vividly and firmly in mind, and the treatment is correspondingly 'styled'. What sort of children are 11-14 year olds? (Not just the more intelligent and reflective ones). I think it is the story which holds them and interpretation and evaluation must come later.

' Girls scream,
Boys shout;
Dogs bark,
School's out. '

Chapters 7 and 8 are bound to have to deal with somewhat controversial matters though I realize one should not base too much criticism merely on a draft statement of contents. But consider, for example, Chapter 8; can anybody deal satisfactorily with the reasons for attempts at steps towards self-government? I can think of half a dozen or more reasons, all of which are partially true, but only partially so; but would it do 11-14 year olds any good to know these and would anybody agree with me? Similarly, in Chapter 7. Is lack of a "coherent" policy a sign of vacillation or a humble recognition by officials that they don't know all the answers? I can think of many cases in which it is both. Can a really coherent policy be evolved and maintained anywhere, except under a dictatorship? Can the aims of political, economic, and cultural policies which would prove acceptable to the peoples concerned always be consistent within themselves? If not, which policy should predominate, and what are the outward and visible signs of a coherent policy? I am no historian, and there may be brief and concise answers to such questions; but as regards 11-14 year olds I incline strongly to the Richard

Livingstone view of history teaching in schools; but in any case, as regards carry-over of sales into the South Pacific, the treatment of these two chapters could be crucial, deplorable as that may seem!

I am afraid this letter may not prove very helpful, but I hope to seek the views of Mr. Maude soon (he knows more Pacific history than I ever will) and perhaps he will be able to make some more concrete suggestions for inclusions and omissions. But I feel sure there is room for a book of this kind, and shall watch its progress with keen interest.

Yours sincerely,

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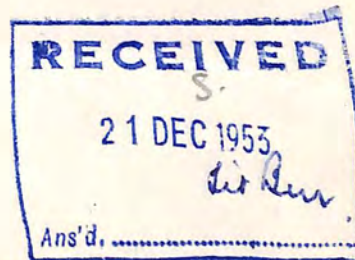
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Dear Mr. Roberts,

The Story of the Pacific.

Miss Heddle has asked me to send you Mrs. Gardiner's outline and sample chapter for this book. These are of course only tentative and she would much like to know your opinion of them. She is very sorry to worry you so close to Christmas but if you could possibly give us some indication of your feelings before December 24 it would be most helpful as the author, who lives in Canberra, will be in Melbourne on that day only.

The book, as framed by her and intended by us, would be mainly for children from 11+ to 14. If it is done in this way could you tell us what carry-over there would be for the South Pacific? We should be glad if you would let us know whether any chapter headings should be omitted or others added.

Yours sincerely,

Joze Leigh

Secretary

THE STORY OF THE PACIFIC

Chapter 1 - Beginnings

Even if you are 'no good at remembering dates', most of you can probably say what happened in the year 1492; a two-lined verse of doggerel has been written to remind us that in that year Columbus crossed the Atlantic Ocean and discovered America. But do you know who first crossed the Pacific Ocean? And when? And who discovered the other side of America, the west coast, from that Ocean? I don't suppose you do, and I don't either; there are many theories about the early history of man in the Pacific area, but we have very little exact information and no dates at all. This does not mean that we know nothing; as you will see, we know quite a lot, and are fast learning more, about the original inhabitants of the lands in and around the Pacific.

This is to be the subject of the first part of this book: who these native peoples were, where they came from, and how; where they settled, what they wore and ate, how they amused themselves, what gods they worshipped. The second part of the book concerns the coming of the white man to the Great Ocean, how the native peoples met him, what changes his coming caused, and the long task of original inhabitants and newcomers in learning, gradually, to live together.

To start doing all this we must first know the whereabouts of the lands we are discussing. Primitive man discovered and settled the Pacific without the aid of maps or charts, sextants or chronometers; we are more fortunate than this. If you open your atlas you will find a map of the Pacific Ocean, with all its intricate island systems clearly shown. It is with this map that our story begins.

If you take a pair of compasses and place the point on a spot about 162.W and about 12.S, you can draw a circle which will practically enclose the countries we are to discuss. Inside such a circle you will see far more water than land, which explains why this vast area - one eighth of the total area of the earth's surface in fact - is sometimes called Oceania. The land inside the circle is mostly made up of tiny islands, though there are also some larger ones, particularly New Guinea and Australia in the southwest. The most northerly of the island groups is Hawaii, and the most southerly, New Zealand; and they stretch from Easter Island in the far east, to the Paulus in the west, just north of New Guinea.

Many of the islands on your map are only represented by specks; and there are many more which are too tiny to be shown at all. This is unfortunate, as we are rather apt to regard size as important. And here we come to the first lesson we must learn in studying Pacific History: that little islands are just as important as big ones, and that we may possibly learn more about the life of the people from studying a small island than from studying a large one. For us, Easter Island may hold as much interest as New Guinea, and a study of the Society Islands may be as rewarding as a study of New Zealand. There is a second fact we must remember before we start learning about the Pacific - and this applies especially to Australians; this is that the ocean, which makes up so large a part of Oceania, is not just so much waste space, nor is it necessarily a barrier between the different islands. The Pacific Ocean is not nearly so 'waste' as, for instance, some parts of the Australian deserts; it at least provides food in the form of fish and shells, which some deserts may never do. Again, an area which on a large scale map looks like sea studded with infrequent black dots, may be, and often is, the home of a dense and sometimes prosperous population. Merely

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because a large piece of land is shown in an atlas, it does not follow that this land is capable of supporting a large number of people. Parts of Australia have less than ten people to every square mile; in the Ellice Islands there are three hundred people to the same area. Further, far from being a barrier, the sea, to many of its early inhabitants, was a highway; to people who know the sea, with its winds and currents, and who understand the arts of ship-building and navigation, it is as easy to cross as a piece of land might be - certainly easier than the Nullarbor Plains for example. This will become clearer when we study the history of the Pacific peoples, particularly of the group called Polynesian. So remember these two points; that area of land is not the same thing as importance, and that the sea is not necessarily a barrier nor a hindrance to man.

When you look at your map of the Pacific, you may well be dismayed by the apparent confusion and number of the Ocean groups. Even the names of countries other than your own may be unfamiliar to you. An Australian, for instance, may be at a loss to explain where Tonga is in relation to the Cook Islands; a Samoan may wonder why it is that neither Melbourne nor Sydney is the capital of Australia; and an Hawaiian may be taxed to state whether the Marianas or the Carolines are further north. There are two ways to meet this difficulty; the first is to understand how the lands of the Pacific were formed; the second is to draw a diagram of the Pacific Islands in groups which simplify without too much distorting the geographical facts.

Firstly, how did all these numerous Pacific Islands ~~come into being?~~ They are of two types, the continental and the oceanic, and were formed in two different ways. The continental islands are remains of vast mountain chains which once ran out into what is now the Pacific Ocean,

linking Australia and even far southern New Zealand with the Asiatic mainland. This of course was a very long time ago - at least 30,000 years ago, geologists tell us - but we can still trace the highlands of this now sea-covered land by the islands north and east of Australia. If you draw a line through New Guinea, to New Britain, the Solomons, the New Hebrides, and New Caledonia, you can see one such vanished mountain range. Another line may be traced from the Marianas, through the Carolines and Marshalls, and southwards through the Gilberts, the Ellices, Fiji, down to New Zealand. Thus you have a diagram rather like this:

(page for diagrammatic representation of former mountain ranges in western Pacific)

and by remembering how the ancient mountains stretched, you will easily be able to fit the islands into place.

There is no such short cut, I'm afraid, that can help us remember the Oceanic Islands further east. This is because these islands are volcanic in origin - they were formed by the craters of volcanoes (now mostly extinct) pushing up above the level of the sea. These islands have been flung up more or less at random, and no plan of their formation is possible. Their haphazardness makes the achievement of the native sailors who discovered and settled them all the more remarkable - but that is another story.

The second method of dealing with the complexity of the Pacific Islands is to represent them diagrammatically, in four big regions, like this: Take a pencil, and on the map where you traced your circle draw a line from Easter Island north-west to Hawaii, another from Hawaii south-west to New Zealand, and a third from New Zealand back to Easter Island. This triangle is known as Polynesia, or

'many islands'; it is the largest in area of the four regions we shall distinguish, though not the largest in land area. The second region is called Melanesia, and consists of the string of islands nearest to Australia, from New Guinea, through the Solomons and the New Hebrides, down to Fiji. Draw two more lines on your map, running ~~in~~ roughly parallel to each other, starting one north and one south of New Guinea, and ending on the western border of your Polynesian triangle; the area you enclose is Melanesia, which means 'black islands' and is so called because of the dark skins of the native peoples. To find the third region, just draw a line enclosing all the islands that are left north of Melanesia and west of Polynesia; you will see that this area includes several main groups - the Carolines and the Gilberts for example - each made up of thousands of almost microscopic islands; for this reason it is called Micronesia, or 'tiny islands'.

(Figure showing Polynesia, Melanesia, Micronesia, Australia)
The fourth area consists of the Pacific parts of Australia; this needs some explanation.

Now Australia, though very large, is also an island, and her eastern shores are as 'Pacific' as any of the other islands. We must of course remember that Australia is not just a Pacific country. A large part of her coastline faces the Indian Ocean, and across it she has links not only with India and South Africa, but through the Suez Canal with Europe. To the north, Australia faces Asia - Singapore is less than 2000 miles from Darwin, closer than Fiji to the Australian mainland. Asia today means Communist China, nationalist Indonesia, and an overcrowded Japan, with all of whom Australia's future is sure to be closely linked. Thus, while the smaller islands are

exclusively Pacific, Australia is that and something more. Nevertheless, Australia and her Pacific neighbours have much in common, and the ties between them are likely to grow stronger, not to weaken in the coming years; later we will see why this should be so. In the past, too, the histories of Australia and of the other islands have not been as dissimilar as people have sometimes thought. In the first place, each of the four regions we have distinguished received their original native inhabitants from the Asiatic mainland to their north and west. In the second place it was only quite recently in Pacific history, that these lands were rediscovered by Western explorers and opened up to contact with white civilization. It was because the coming of the white man led to the establishment of western civilizations in Australia and New Zealand that their Pacific position and interests have often been neglected. This is one of the things we will be discussing in the second half of this book. We come now to the very beginnings of human history in the Pacific region, when Australia and all the other islands shared their first great migrations, were discovered by the first explorers, and received their first inhabitants.

absence of pottery in various islands - why?

Their clothes. Presence and absence of weaving - link with presence and absence of flax. Use of bark and skins. Painting of human body.

4 photos?

Their religion, and general culture - eg. painting and carving. Position of chiefs and priests. The position of the bard and poet - non-literate peoples - oral traditions.

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4. Their Economic Life.

The more primitive the people, the less contact with others - eg. the aborigines - of the Polynesians. Development of trade especially between Polynesia and Melanesia - its effects on marginal islands like Samoa and Tahiti. The building of boats, and recognition of their supreme importance.

2 photos?

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Interlude

Stress isolation of Pacific, while other civilizations rose and fell elsewhere. Their ignorance of such things as metals, the wheel, cows and sheep, wheat and cotton. Then one day strangers came . . . etc.

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Part II.

5. The Coming of the White Man

When - the different periods of European expansion - Spanish, Dutch, French and English. Why - their various motives - religion, glory, trade, curiosity (science) empire. Search for the South Land.

1 map

Brief survey of famous explorations, and of gradual unveiling of the Pacific.

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6. First contacts

Two totally different societies confronting each other - cultures, and whole assumptions of society different. The European conception of the native - the Noble Savage cf. the barbarian slave. Europeans infinitely stronger materially - native dilemma - to withdraw (as in parts of Australia), to fight - never successful for long, or to adapt.

Section comparing Australia with the other lands - the most primitive native group, in the land most suited to white occupation. Australia's history now is therefore white history, not native history. Not so in other places.

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7. The Early years

(Roughly to 1914 or 1920)

Contacts between islanders and various white groups - traders and planters, missionaries, government officials. Note that these last are often credited with a coherent "policy" - frequently there was none.

2 photos

Disruption of native society - decline in population - decline in native culture. Development of white industries. Attempts of isolated white individuals to help native peoples.

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8. The New Era

Attempts to help natives adapt themselves to, not to be steam-rollered by, white civilization. Spread of health and educational services. Rise of native population. Attempts at steps towards self-government. Reasons for this? - a change of heart? or strategical importance.

2 photos

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MEMORANDUM.

To: The Secretary-General
From: The Executive Officer for Social Development
No: 2103
Date: 22nd December, 1953
Subject: Request for Remittance to Paris.

I enclose an account received from the Bibliothèque Nationale Service Photographique in Paris for 1186 French francs for a photostat of:-

Hercouet, C. - Note sur un archipel peu connu de la Micronésie (Kingsmill).

2. It would be appreciated if this sum could be paid to the Bibliothèque Nationale and debited to my personal account.

J.E.M.

Executive Officer for Social
Development.

Personal

24th December, 1953

Dear Mr. Keleny,

I expect that you will have heard from Frank Stuzzi about the articles you asked me to get repaired for you, as he tells me that he wrote to you on the subject some ten days ago.

I gather that the camera and viewfinder could not be fixed and that they were returned to you by the firm or firms concerned. The watches and pens were duly repaired and forwarded with Frank's letter. So I hope all is well now.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

G.P. Keleny, Esq.,
C/- Department of Agriculture,
PORT MORESBY, Papua and New Guinea.

Mr. [redacted] de,

I rang Frank about Mr. Keleny's letter and he told me the following:-

Mr. Keleny had asked him to get a camera, viewfinder, two watches and a couple of fountain pens repaired.

Both the camera and viewfinder could not be fixed and the firms with whom Frank had placed forwarded them direct to Keleny about three weeks ago.

The repairing of the watches and pens took longer than expected but he wrote to Keleny about ten days ago explaining the delay and forwarded the watches and pens at the same time.

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Personal

Ans'd.

C/ Department of Agriculture.
PORT MORESBY.
Papua & New Guinea.

5th December 1953.

Dear Mr. Maude,

You will recall that, as Stuzzi was not at Rose Bay to meet our plane from Noumea, you have kindly agreed to give him a note in which I asked him to collect some watches and fountain pens on my behalf. Later that evening I spoke to him on the phone, and he promised to forward these articles, which I could not collect myself due to delays to the plane schedules.

Although I have been back at Port Moresby for two months, I have not heard from Stuzzi, neither have I received the articles in question. I would very much appreciate it if you could confirm that you have given him my note which contained the various dockets from the firms. As far as I can see, if he received the dockets, the watches etc. should be here by now. If he has not received the dockets, he should have let me know before this date.

Sorry to trouble you with such a small matter, but I would like to know where we stand, and certainly would not like to lose the various articles left for repairs in Sydney.

I thought we might be able to see you here before now, but it appears that you went north instead. However, I suppose a visit will be arranged one of these days. Bob Hancock is here now and I believe Dr. Massale is coming next week.

Yours sincerely,

G.P. Keleny
G.P. Keleny.

Mr. Maude,