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Professor and Mrs H.E. Maude,
77 Arthur Circle, Forrest,
A.C.T. 2603, Australia.

Dear Professor and Mrs Maude,

Enclosed please find transparencies. These are copies of the snaps of Grimble you sent to me. I am trying to get a particularly good enlargement made in much the same fashion as I have done the trannies---both of the whole and then the detail. It is very difficult, particularly of the pix which shows both of you with him at Ocean Island.

However, if you don't mind being patient for just a little longer, I think it might be possible to do something good.

I have just returned from Fiji. My principal reason for the visit was to look at the hull of TARATAI II. Imagine my terrible disappointment when I learned that the people of Rabi Island took the boat apart, largely on the second day of its arrival on their beach. John Reiher (not sure of the spelling), a shipwright living at Rabi, told me it could easily have been saved. My feeling for the Banaabans is not so good at the moment. Rotan Tebuke and I had quite an argument that night. You did to me what you accuse the English of doing to you, said I. Not so, he replied. You cannot compare the destiny of people with a derelict hull. Your destiny, because of the English, is assured. You have Rabi as well as Ocean Island as well as 11.4 million dollars to share out among 1000 families. What have I got?

Most fascinating paper from Barrie Macdonald as well as his note with personal observations. One of the things that always fascinated me about Grimble, was his self-professed lack of sexuality. I suspected that a man of his energy would in fact be the opposite. It was nice to have that point satisfied by Macdonald. I am, however, very much disappointed that Grimble did not do more for the Ocean Islanders. Not because of them, but because I expected more from him and looked forward to integrity rather than career opportunism. It was much easier to accept the romanticism in his writing---octopus and shark pieces in particular.

Sincerely,

Jim Siers



Chew Cottage, 19 Ottawa Road, Wellington 4, N.Z.

Jan 18, 1978

Prof H.E. Maude,
77 Arthur Circle, Forrest,
A.C.T. 2603, Australia.

Dear Professor Maude,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 12th and the enclosed snap of Grimble in company with you and your wife.

Thank you also for your kind comments about "TARATAI." That cheers me, as I look forward to bouyant sales to finance a few new adventures.

I shall write to Dr Barrie Macdonald immediately. In fact, Judy and I returned today from Palmerston North. I would have called him had I got your letter before we went there.

Yes, Rosemary told me of your task and I look forward to seeing the material. Is there a scheduled date for its publication?

If at some stage you get a chance to pen-sketch his character I would be most greatful. He comes through as a man of wit and perception, but also somewhat too goody, good. Perhaps Macdonald covers this ground; I shall soon see.

Thank you again,

sincerely,

Jim Siers

77 Arthur Circle, Forrest,
A.C.T. 2603, Australia,
12th January, 1978.

Mr James Siers,
James Siers Productions Ltd.,
2A Belfast Street,
WELLINGTON, 2,
New Zealand.

Dear Mr Siers,

Many thanks for so kindly sending me a copy of Taratai. It is an excellent book: the photos are superb, as one would expect from you, and the narrative flows on so easily with the fascinating story of the voyage interlaced with more than enough human interest to keep even the most confirmed land-lubber from putting the book down once begun.

You seem to have got to know the Gilbertese very well and write of them with appreciation but a refreshing lack of gush: the bane of so many writers on the South Sea Islanders. Long voyages on small craft bring out personality quirks as nothing else does; no doubt why David Lewis is always happiest when voyaging alone. So I was not surprised to read of your troubles at Rotuma. Ben Finney promises to write of his, but I doubt if we shall get more than an expurgated version.

The baurua pictures were indeed good, and a great deal better than the aged prints I sent along. Alas that Taratai II came to grief, but as my old mentor said everything short of dying is worthwhile if it makes a good story and even that if someone else can make a yarn out of it. I imagine, however, that you find no difficulty in thinking up adventurous things to do, or in writing about them when over; but that, the writing and publishing trades being what they are in this part of the world, your problem is one of maintaining a consistent state of financial liquidity.

Curious that the hull fetched up on Rabi for it must have drifted around and about a number of islands en route. I bought Rabi for £25,000 during the last war and have been kicking myself ever since for not having kept it as it is valued at 3½ millions now. Still no one would lend me the money at the time so the Banabans got a bargain for which they have never said thank you.

You're welcome to use that photo of Grimble, but Rosemary has it at the moment. Best write to her saying that I've no objection to her sending it direct to you when she's finished with it. Meanwhile I enclose another showing Grimble, my wife Honor and I having tea in the island room

off his study in the old Residency at Ocean Island. It was taken when we stayed with him for half a year or so - Honor kept his house and I did the lands settlement of Ocean Island. I don't remember ~~the~~ took the actual photograph.

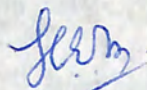
Dr Barrie Macdonald, Department of History, Massey University, has written a biographical article entitled 'Arthur Grimble: the myth and the man'. Its not yet published but he'd surely let you see it if you wrote to him.

Possibly Rosemary has told you that my next job, hopefully later this year, is to edit Grimble's anthropological papers and field notes on the Gilberts. I indexed them for him in 1931 and Lady Grimble agreed, after his death, that I should publish them in his name; he intended to do the job himself but got bogged down on writing and broadcasting semi-fiction in his beautiful prose, thus making a fortune which soon killed him off.

Grimble was a poet as well as a superb writer of prose, and you will find some of his work published in Tillyard, Aelfrida, Cambridge Poets, 1900-1913: an anthology (Cambridge, W. Heffer & Sons Ltd., 1913), pp.93-95.

With best wishes for the success of your television film; after Jenny Barraclough's travesty it was time someone did him justice, for he knew and loved the Gilbertese as few expatriates have before or since.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

P.S. You'll find a good photo of a Tabiteuean baurua in the National Geographic Magazine for January 1943 on p.91, but see also the one taken on board which faces it. I don't know who took them but probably someone on the Nimanoa, presumably either the captain, Singleton, or the mate, Teddy Harness. A lot of the other pictures were never taken in the Gilberts at all, e.g the one on p.72 had already appeared in the same magazine labelled Nauru; those on pp.78 and 84 were taken on Banaba, and probably those on pp.77 and 79; the one on p.82 in the Tokelaus; the one on p.88 in Tonga; the one on p.88 in Samoa or Tonga; and the one on p.89 in Tuvalu. When I complained at their Washington headquarters and suggested that they should publish a retraction I was shaken by the hand and escorted rapidly out of the building - it was done so rapidly and expertly that I had to laugh at my simplicity.

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Professor, H. Maude,
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Australia.

December 14, 1977.

Dear Professor Maude,

Herewith a copy of "TARATAI ----A Pacific Adventure."
I hope you enjoy reading through it and note with satisfaction the
particularly good reproduction of the pictures of the baurua you sent
me.

I return the originals and negatives with thanks.

You may have read that TARATAI II came to grief
east of Niue and that seven of us were adrift in a rubber liferaft
for two weeks, before being rescued by a passing tug on her delivery
voyage from Singapore to Valpariso, Chile.

Remarkably, the hull fetched up last week on the
island of Rabi in Fiji after drifting for three months. I have just
computed that the hull made good just on ten knots each day.

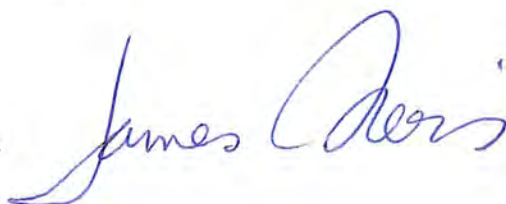
If I get some money (it is gone, gone...) it may be
possible to get this baurua going again.

Meantime, there's a chance that I shall make a
television film on the romanticism of young Grimble, using some of
his particularly good descriptive prose as script next year. His
daughter Rosemary has written to say you had a good picture of
yourself with Grimble. If so I would be most obliged to see it as
it is something we could use in the documentary.

Please let me wish you the happiest Christmas
and a healthy, prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

James Siers





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Dear Professor Maude,

I thought you might like to see this brochure about the "Castaways" series. It has been prepared, of course, to attract film buyers - perhaps not the most erudite or perceptive group of people.

You will forgive us for having borrowed a phrase or two from you in the copy about Will Mariner.

This series will probably be seen on ABC TV sometime around September this year. Two of the programmes were shown at the M.I.P. (Marché International des Programmes) at Cannes in April these two months past. They attracted a lot of attention and were sold on the spot to all the Scandinavian countries, Japan, Brazil and Yugoslavia, so there is a fairly general interest in things Pacific. I am quite sure they will go to most of the countries in the world eventually.

I am returning to Australia permanently at the end of July. We were to have done a final programme in this series - the story of Kabris, about which we had gathered quite a lot of fresh information - but, unfortunately, SPTV ran out of money, not to mention New Zealand! However, Kabris will keep and I have another series I am trying to get backers for under the generic title of "The Beachcombers" and he will fit very nicely into it, as well as those other two men you mentioned in your letter of June 3rd last year, John Young and Charlie Savage.

Thanking you once more for your interest and hoping to meet you sooner or later in Australia, I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Edwin S. Morrisby)

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Department of History,

11th January, 1977.

Professor H.E. Maude,
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Dear Harry,

passed it → Ian passed your very kind contribution to the Henderson Jubilee Fund ~~to~~ on to me to put in the bank - as I'm Acting Chairman for this term before going on study leave in May. Thank you very much indeed for your generosity.

You would have enjoyed the gathering at which the appeal was launched. Walter Crocker, our Lieutenant-Governor, had recently published some reminiscences on retiring from the University Council, in the local newspaper. In these he quoted, as an example of outrageous contemplated extravagance, in recent years - a scheme to establish a 'centre for education research' on the Pacific Islands - far from the winter cold of Adelaide etc. - and generally conjured up a picture of some gin-soaked love-nest at the tax payer's expense. This was all part of a tirade against the 'proliferation of courses' and an alleged decline in academic standards.

We all wrote replies - which were easy to write, because Crocker had his facts wrong as well as his mentality. Norm Etherington invited him to the gathering - as one of Henderson's more distinguished ex-students. When the time came for people to say a few words, Norm produced history department syllabuses from Henderson's time including one in which Pacific History was the only subject offered at 3rd year level, and that well pre World War II - so we are after all continuing a well established tradition.

Crocker replied - politely - but got the point, and I spent some time talking to him too. As you know, the Pacific Studies centre was doing quite well up to the time when the financial axe fell and I have given advance notice of my intention to revive it at the right time.

In the meantime, your contribution to the fund will help our students to keep the flame flickering.

Archie Ried was over here for a week in December and we made good progress on the Lau history. He has written another paper on 'Kinship and Religious change in Lau' in which he relates the early rejection of missionary overtures to Lakeba and their later acceptance to the internal political situation - its the first notion we've had of an early rejection, let alone a real explanation of acceptance, so I hope the J.P.H. will publish it. I propose to give a paper

on commercial contacts with the Lau group pre 1845 at Anzaas in Auckland and I am going to Salem and to the United Kingdom from May to August to fill in any gaps. I would be most grateful for any suggestions. I now have, I think all the Colonial period source material I need here in Adelaide on microfilm and it is getting done - Ruth and I made what I hope will be a final search in Suva last May.

The archaeological side is also going well, with Simon Best's discoveries of Dentate stamped sherds on Lakeba, my main concern now is to get the job completed by 1980 so that we can point to some ~~achievement~~ *achievement* when we ask for a centre to be established in Adelaide.

Yours.

John Young

77 Arthur Circle, Forrest,
A.C.T.2603, Australia,
26th October, 1978.

Dear Marney,

You should be here now that Spring is well into its stride and with all the rain we've been having everything is blooming - and the sound of the Victa is heard o'er the land. The hyacinths are over already but we have five beautiful blue gentians: the pride of the garden. Not many can grow them here so we are one up on the Joneses and inclined to put on airs.

The YWCA Spring garden sale is over and they topped a thousand dollars for the first time - \$1,100 to be exact - Honor had over 200 plants and well rooted cuttings and bulbs in pots and punnets of this and that and they all went in a flash.

There's no holding Honor these days; she's incorporated herself into The Homa Press (the 'Ho' comes from Honor and the 'Ma' from Maude) to publish monographs on Oceanic String Figures. The government graciously took \$25 off her for registering the name as a company and the Republic of Nauru Fund has given her \$100 towards her first book: 'The String Figures of the Solomon Islands' (based on the collections of Sir Raymond Firth and Christa de Coppet). Anvida has typed out the text with her impeccable professionalism and the ANU Printing Office are processing it by offset.

String Figures are rather like modern paintings: only the illuminati know which way up they go, and yesterday we checked through the illustrations prior to the final run-off and found three were upside down. There is even a chance that the ANU Press may sell the monograph for her, which would solve all our problems, not that anyone ever buys a work on cats cradles except some odd Europeans and Japanese. As I keep telling Honor she is recording for posterity, and not for the present generation of hedonists.

I have now been through all the French correspondence on the Peruvian slavers from the National Archives in Paris - more than I had expected and mostly good material; it fortunately confirms rather than confounds what we already knew. The University Appointments people sent us a dear little Khymer girl to help with the translation. I think she's the daughter of a Cambodian ambassador to Turkey, though it sounds an improbable assignment, and she went to school in Paris. Her French is OK but her English pretty odd. But anyway all this reading French during the past few weeks has resurrected mine to such an extent that I have now dispensed with her, with regret because I fancy she needs the money, being largely dependent on the Australian student boyfriend with whom she lives in sin as is customary these days. I asked her if she

was a good Catholic but she said that she was 'only a conventional atheist'.

Part I seems finished bar the acknowledgements and such like, and works out at about 46,000 words; I've taken a lot of the demographic calculations out of the text and put them into an appendix. Part II looks like being shorter, with luck, at about 30,000. It seems little enough for all that effort by so many people but please Pat Croft for long books are not read these days and too expensive to produce at a price anyone can afford.

We were glad to hear that you had eschewed staying in hotels in capital cities in favour of safaris on foot attended by a retinue of camels. I hope it came off though camels are not everybody's cup of tea. I can still remember riding them when young, though I preferred elephants; and spiced camel's hump was a great delicacy with the family in India.

Pat says there should be a number of maps and the Department of Anthropology have very generously made me a Visiting Fellow so that I can get them done professionally. It was good of Derek Freeman to suggest it; he seems very keen to see the book come out and has offered typists and what have you. It will be nice when it is all delivered over because we can then depart on a tour with a good conscience - the difficulty is where to go to.

I intend to try out your Department's Nairobi Bag for size and see if it will hold a copy of The Changing Pacific - if not will send it some other way. I fancy that SAL does not operate to East Africa. In our days everything went by the Isipingo, a superb ship which plied between Mombasa and Colombo, right through the middle of the Maldives.

We both wish you all the best in the Dark Continent,

Yours ever,

John M.

17th July.



AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 30360 NAIROBI

Dear Honor and Harry,

In reply quote No.

Thankyou so much for your wonderfully newsy letter Harry. Next time you write do please save all your postage, or at least all but 20c, but making it or sending a letter to the Dept. of Foreign Affairs (Nairobi Post). Otherwise I fear you'll not ever communicate with me again.

How I should love to see The Champion Pacific. Ed. should will to let me know to whom to write to send me a copy. Do you think he'll ever let me know? Well at least jump into the part of the country inhabited by his relatives so once that's accomplished he might be moved to write. That will be on the way to our next visit to Uganda, where I believe the hotel Hugh stayed at last time has closed 'down' due to lack of food for the guests. It's probably a nasty, baseless rumour but I shall be sure to pack some tins of corned beef. Hugh is now in Khartoum which is not in his bailiwick but because the O.A.U. Summit meeting is being held there & the O.A.U. is one of his babies he's followed it. He's just been to Addis but I have had to stay at home on both occasions because Lin too mean to squander money on fares which I intend recip for other more selfish

purpose. My latest project is a 'goat safari' with camels through the desert to the south of Lake Rudolf/Turkana finishing at the lake. It will take 31 weeks, but won't happen until June next year so I mustn't get too exposed in the idea. We were at the lake about 10 days ago visiting the archaeological sites which are the richest source of fossils of early man known to us. It's a desolate but fascinating part of the world. The lake is infested with crocodiles and as it was our only bath tub there were great struggles of conscience!

I'm so glad your work on the book is nearly done. I hope you will let me see it some day. If there's any more translation to be done I should be only too happy - my brain gets no exercise here. Please excuse the indefinability of this letter. I go into hospital tomorrow & wanted to send you some sort of acknowledgement before I'm laid up.



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MR. H. E. MAUDE

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77 Arthur Circle,
Forrest, A.C.T.2603,
29th April, 1978.

Dear Derek,

Herewith the MS by George Brown called "Old Hands" and "Old Times" in the South Seas' (ML Q999.4/0), which you said might be of interest to you. And another MS which I came across when looking for Brown, detailing the escape of 11 convicts from Moreton Bay to Samoa in 1832, where they were joined by 16 more who had come via Huahine.

The episode is mentioned in Brown's narrative and in Of Islands and Men, on p.148, but I think that I had not then got this first-hand account, which may be of use as commenting on the reception received in Samoa.

I am also enclosing some cards on Samoa which I made for various purposes years ago: probably when writing about beachcombers. There may be one or two of use, though I doubt it. However one never knows.

Many thanks for the loan of your research notes on the SW Pacific Islands, which I have been working through for clues on the Peruvian activities; and have found a few already in the Tokelau section. I find it takes many small bricks to build a house.

We hope to be at the seminar on Wednesday, D.V. and w.p. I had a letter from Ken Knudson yesterday and he asked us to come, though I hear very little of what's going on these days, being so deaf.

Yours,

John

77 Arthur Circle,
Forrest, A.C.T.2603,
19th April, 1978.

Dear Norah,

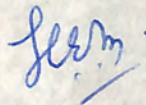
You'll never lend me another thing, and that's for sure, since what with the hiatus in Adelaide and the mail sorters strike and what have you I am only today returning Ye Galleon Press catalogue, the Pacific Art Newsletter and the Micronesian Area Research Center Publications Price List, with many thanks for the loan.

PAN is interesting but Honor is annoyed that they do not apparently realize that string figures are an art form; in fact the principal art form in Oceania. The silly mutts can only conceive of things which can be stuck in a museum case.

I've written to MARC asking what has happened to the Guam Recorder - they did send us a notice saying that Guam had been flattened by Supertyphoon Pamela on 21 and 22.5.76 and it would be some time before publication could be resumed. And I've ordered seven books from Ye Galleon Press; it would be grand if only Glen Adams, who seems quite a character, would concentrate more on the reprinting of Pacific classics.

Anyway, thanks a lot,

Yours,



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April 27th, 1978

Professor H.E. Maude,
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A.C.T. 2603, Australia.

Dear Professor Maude,

I am sending you part of the last chapter of my new book, in the hope that you will kindly allow me to quote you.

You will see the relevant piece. It is from your letter to me; 12th Jan, this year.

A 50-minute television documentary was screened here on April 15th. I understand it will be screened sometime in Australia but as yet have no idea by whom or when.

Our Grimble project is coming on with a pledge from TV1 to put up some of the equity; the rest is still in the air but I have high hopes. I rather like the thought of six months in Ribono, Abaiang. Have you spent time there?

I don't know if I mentioned it before, but if not, it was interesting to learn that Tenanoa has been elected as the member for North Tarawa.

Sincerely,

Jim Siers

7/10

Sorry about this - I thought I had sent this 10 days ago. As I leave for Tanga next Tuesday, I wonder if you would be kind enough to let me know by telegramme ("yes" or "no") whether I could use the quote from your letter in my Epilogue.

Sincerely
Jan

happened to the float at ~~Nyame~~ Gamea Island.

However, to put the events in perspective: Colin Weaver called me by telephone from Fiji as soon as he heard that the hull had washed up on Rabi. He immediately called the police at Rabi and claimed the wreck on my behalf. I followed suite by writing to the Receiver of Wrecks in Fiji claiming the hull.

By the time I finally got enough money ~~together~~ to make the trip in February I had every reason to believe the hull, still in good shape, had been pulled up on the beach and could be repaired.

I arrived in Suva and persuaded Riauwa Kliemann to come with me to Rabi to assess the best way of ~~me~~ affecting repairs. Barry T Gardner also offered to come with me. We left Suva at seven in the morning on Saturday, February 25th for Savu Savu. This was the start of a new adventure. It was at Savu Savu in Vanua Levu that a young Rabi Islander asked if he could share our taxi the 68 miles to Karoko landing, from where we would embark a punt for Rabi. We welcomed him to join us.

Before leaving Savu Savu for Karoko, I called at the police station to claim a few effects handed in at Rabi. While I was at the station, the young Rabi Islander bought a crate of quart bottles of beer. It was only eight in the morning. As we began our long taxi ride, our guest began to drink bottle upon bottle of beer, insisting we join him.

Barry and I declined; Riauwa, being Gilbertese, tried his best to be polite. He found it difficult. As the young boy continued to drink fast and get drunk, Riauwa became embarrassed and then angry. By the time we arrived at Karoko ~~ixwaxxiixkx~~ ~~xxixdaxix~~ he was ready to explode. We embarked on the punt. The fee for the 4-mile crossing was \$18.00---an exorbitant price in Fiji, but an indication of what we were heading for. We set off in good spirits, Barry, Riauwa and I sitting for'd well-clear of our thoroughly drunk and objectionable guest. He sat with the helmsman and offered him beer. The helmsman, ~~much~~ as Riauwa had done, was anxious not to offend. He was ~~aboutixix~~ a Fijian, of about 18 years, much the same age as the Rabi Islander. Just as we cleared the passage out of Karoko Bay, the boat began to go round in a circle. The owner of the punt, who was sitting with us, looked up with alarm only to see that the visitor, in taking the tiller while the helmsman took a swig of beer, had pulled it off the rudder.

The reaction was instant. The engine was stopped and then father and son proceeded to beat the unfortunate drunk who ~~ixwaxxiixkx~~ kept asking between blows:

"Why do you hit me? I love you."

It was with considerable heaviness that we landed on the jetty at Nuku. No sooner had our boatman set us ashore and he was off, muttering about kai Rabi (the people of Rabi).

The noonday sun burned into our eyes as it bounced off the white coral road. Riauwa and I marched on resolutely to the police station, sweating in the heat. The island seemed strangely quiet; not one moving. Bits of junk and derelict machinery lay around, the houses in haphazard fashion on both sides of the road; music from radio Fiji filled the background. High noon at Rabi!

The police station was a small concrete building with the office and residence of the officer in charge of Rabi, Geronimo Kanimea, brother of Lawrence, who worked with Riauwa at the shipyard in Suva, out for the moment. Someone's child ran off to find him and he arrived, grinning on a motorbike. Riauwa and Geronimo were old friends.

"How is the hull of Taratai?" I asked with impolite abruptness, prompted by anxiety and pent-up curiosity.

"I don't know," Geronimo said, "I have not been around there for a while."

Warning bells sounded in my head. It didn't sound too good.

Whilst Riauwa and I walked back to the jetty where Barry watched over our luggage and ~~then~~ our former companion nursed his bruises, Geronimo went up the hill to book us into the Island's guest house and to organise a pick-up truck to take us to the scene of the wreck.

From Nuku to Tabiang was a distance of six miles. It could easily have been 60. The road was very rough. A large washout stopped us at Tabiang and we walked the rest of the way. It was not far. It was very sad when we got there. Only a small piece of Taratai II remained on the beach. It showed quite clearly ^o saw mark^s. A sense of terrible resentment welled up inside me.

"What a shame, Jimmy," Riauwa said. "What a shame."

"The omens were bad from the start," Barry remarked, referring to our drunken guest and the litter of junk on the island.

I took pictures, shot some ~~mini~~ 16mm movie film and we walked back to the truck. At Tabiang village, where I suspected the principal culprits lived, we stopped as Riauwa spotted John Reiher. It was then I learned about the fate of the hull. Further along the way, Charles Jarvis waved to us and we stopped again, to learn of his pictures, which he offered me for use in this book.

We came back to the guesthouse. It ^{was} ~~is~~ owned by Rotan Tebuke, adviser to the Rabi Island Council. It was to prove an interesting night.

Rabi Island was purchased on behalf of the Banaban people by Professor Harry Maude, ~~whom~~ ^{was} in 1944 for 25,000 pounds (presumably sterling).

"Curious that the hull fetched up on Rabi," Professor Maude wrote to me on January 12th, "for it must have drifted around and about a number of islands en route. I bought Rabi for 25,000 pounds during the last war and have been kicking myself ever since for not having kept it as it is valued at 3½ millions now. Still, no one would lend me the money at the time so the Banabans got a bargain for which they have never said thank you."

A bargain indeed. Rabi is everything Banaba (Ocean Island) is not. ~~Rabi~~ (26½ square miles) It is many times the size/of Banaba which is only 1,500 acres in area and is prone to severe droughts. Its one attractive asset, as far as European commercial interest was concerned, was the huge amount of phosphate of lime dropped over thousands of years by sea birds. The exploitation of the phosphate, which is now nearly completely finished, led to a great deal of bitterness between the Banabans, the Pacific Islands Company which began the mining and then subsequently, the British Phosphate Commissioners, who took over the island as representatives of Britain, Australia and New Zealand. The phosphate was mainly shipped to Australia and New Zealand and was of ^{undoubted} benefit in the development of the rural economy in both countries. The Banabans claimed a great deal of injustice was done in the regulations which were passed preventing them from negotiating for what they felt would be ~~such~~ more equitable rates of payment for their phosphate.

The upshot was an action brought against the Commissioner¹⁵ by the Banabans in the High Court in London and resolved in 1977 with the Court finding against the Banabans. The Chief Justice in his summary, however, observed that the Banabans had been in effect the victims of a legal plunder. Though they won no compensation, the British Government offered the islanders an ex gratia payment of \$11.4 million dollars.

The man who led the fight was Rotan Tebuke, mine host at his guesthouse in Rabi on that night of February 25th.

"You know," he said, ~~that night~~, sitting in his sulu in his large wooden frame house, high on the slope above Nuku, "we won that fight."

"We were victims of circumstance. An isolated peoples in the midst of the Pacific with no way of protecting our interests, we lost the only thing we had of commercial value without getting a fair price."

"In that case," I replied, "I would have thought your bitter experience would have made your people sympathise with the misfortune of others. Instead you (the islanders) did to me what you so eloquently claim the British did to you---when my baurua washed up on your shore; to you, people of Gilbertese language and ~~1~~ culture, who know and value canoes, your people stripped it for the miserable wood that was on it!"

"You cannot compare the fate and ~~the~~ destiny of a people with the fate of a derelict hull!" He said with passion.

"And you cannot compare the price of birdshit with an ideal which took more than ten years to realise. In ~~an~~ anycase, you fought your battle in London on the basis of principle, ~~and~~ justice and law. The law relating to wrecks is specific. It is criminal to take someone else's property for your own use and that is exactly what your people did---without regard to the pain and suffering or financial loss that this would entail to me. ^{Your people} They ~~did~~ did this despite the claim that was made for the hull on my behalf. I find what has happened inexcusable and totally reprehensible."

Our discussion went on like this for a while with Riauwa, who counts Rotan as one of his good friends, playing the role of the mediator. It transpired that Rotan was off the island at that time and was not aware of what had happened. He ~~promised~~ promised to ~~personally~~ investigate the matter and to see what he could do. I had still not heard from him by mid-April.

I was disgusted with Rabi. ~~Rabi~~ Barry and I ^{intended} were to spend several days there recording migration legends and the lore relating to voyaging canoes. This was another disappointment.

"I was raised on porridge, cabin bread and corned beef," Rotan said, appologising for the lack of knowledge of migration myths and legends. He sent a man down to Nuku to find an old man to talk about canoes with Riauwa. I ~~z~~ got the conversation down on tape only to find ~~out~~ that the canoe expert was a Gilbertese from Beru and that he had no knowledge of baurua.

With nothing to keep us we left early next morning and some six miles from Karoko called in at Tuvamila, a large copra plantation owned by Laurence and Dorothy Simpson, an old Kai Viti (Fiji-born) family. The first Simpson arrived in Fiji in 1820 and went into shipbuilding with Whippy in Lavuka in 1823. We were asked to spend the night and sent Riauwa on ~~as~~ he had to be at work on Monday.

The Simpson's son, David, took Barry and me for a walk in the bush behind the plantation to show me two particularly fine vesi trees. What a marvellous pair for a good Fijian double canoe, I thought. David grinned, when I started on my monologue. The flat strip of land which represents the bulk of the plantation, the tall trees running to the water's edge and leaning out towards the sea in an effort to catch as much ~~a~~ sun as possible, was once ~~a~~ busy to the sound of adzes and the chanting of matai (craftsmen) as they fashioned huge drua for Tongan chiefs.

"They came here because the vesi was here and it is still here," David said.

We walked through the bush of tall dakua (kauri pine); damanu, vesi and nutmeg trees among a profusion of others. David ~~ran~~^{ran} a small sawmill. It ~~is~~^{was} very much a one-man band. He had cut ~~his~~ roads with his ~~tractor~~^{bulldozer} to reach stands of good timber. The trees ~~are~~^{were} cut on demand and then hauled out with the same machine. The vesi trees we saw were huge. It would have taken many men to have hauled these out ^{in former times}.

It was a pleasant evening at the homestead; Laurence reminiscing about the early days when there was no road, no airstrips. Trading ships would come once a month to pick up copra and deposit goods on the beach. The price for copra was good, not like it was at present, Laurence said: a miserable three cents per coconut.

"We are diversifying," he said. "David is milling timber and we are building up our cattle herd."

And what did Dorothy think about living in such splending isolation?

"She wants to be in Sydney, watching television and shopping at a supermarket," Laurence said and his wife nodded her head.

Next morning Barry and I drove to Natuvu, round the great curve of Buca Bay. A New Yorker, Barney Afgar, ran a store there and boats plying across Somosomo Strait to Taveuni would anchor nearby. We were bound for Kioa Island, only three miles away. Instead of \$18.00, it cost only \$1.50 each for the crossing. Travelling with us was Mafalu, a Kioa

Islanders. The people of Kioa were originally from Vaitupu in the Ellice Islands, now the independent nation of Tuvalu. It must ~~be~~^{be} one of the smallest in the world with only 7000 people and less than eleven square miles of land area. The people of Vaitupu atoll were able to save 3000 pounds sterling by working for the American armed forces during the war against the Japanese. The money was pooled and in 1947 it was used to purchase Kioa. As our boat slid across the placid waters of the passage, Mafalu told us some of the background. He was born at Vaitupu ~~in~~ 53 years previously and had moved with his family to Kioa as a young man. The bounty of the new, fertile land had unexpected effects on the people. Women who had been unable to conceive children at Vaitupu suddenly began to produce babies in profusion.

It was only eight in the morning and high tide when our boat eased its nose onto the beach of the village of Salia, the only settlement at Kioa. Lisati had sent a message from Natuvu and we were met by Alfred Kaisamy, aged 30, the son of a delightful couple. Mr Kaisamy senior was avidly bright at 73 years of age; his perceptive questions came at us with speed. Barry and I exchanged glances. I knew what he was thinking: what an obvious difference between Kioa and Rabi/

Everywhere villagers were busy. There were four new canoes being chopped out on the beach. Copra was being cut and dried in a kiln. Women were busily weaving mats and baskets. The village was neatly organised. There was a brightness about the people. We spent the day walking around, taking pictures and talking to Alfred. He told us the island was divided politically over the role of Trustees. Alfred wanted an accounting from the Trustees. That evening he went to a meeting in the village hall to state his case and did not get back until late and by then we were asleep. In true island fashion Mr and Mrs Kaisamy insisted that Barry and I sleep ~~in~~ in their bed. It was a large wooden bed with no mattress. Barry was on the point of making a joke about sleeping in the same bed as me, but realised it could ~~not~~ easily be misunderstood and stopped. I chuckled as he tried to dispose his bulk ~~in~~ in the most comfortable way over the hard wood.

Our ferryman was on the beach at dawn, waiting impatiently for us to embark. He was a slight Indian with a certain satorial elegance and deliberate style. When we were ready he gave the order; the diesel engine ticked over and the Kaisamy family faded into a blur on the ~~the~~ white beach. Ahead stood the massive mountain ridge of Taveuni, sweeping up from the water's edge to 4000 feet. The ~~supposed~~ spurs and ridges running down were covered in thick bush on the upper slopes. Lower down tall palms caught the first rays of the early morning sun. Smoke from copra kilns hung in the

soft, still air. We sat for'd watching the boiling water where the currents met and found ourselves surprised at the profusion of reefs. The "Engineer" of our ferry emerged from below. She was a smiling, bouncy Kio^a girl whose roundness was in marked contrast to that of her Indian captain and obviously, lover.

We spent ~~two~~ two days at Soqulu plantation, using it as a base to explore Taveuni. Soqulu was a dream of an American engineer. The dream turned to ashes. Barry and I stayed at the sumptuous house he built on the water's edge. It was difficult not to sympathise with his disappointment. The American was a Mr. McIntyre from California. He purchased the plantation with a view to a complete subdivision. His frustrations with Fiji's grinding bureaucracy, caused to a large part by his impatience to get things done, finally forced him to sell and leave Fiji. Since then, his dream has come a long way to being realised for someone else. The housing lots have sold well to Australians and it looks as if the project ~~he began~~ will finally become successful.

On Thursday, February 2nd, as Barry and I arrived at Matei airport early in the morning, I met one of those surprises you read about in other people's books. He was Colonel J.R. Kolb, Retired, U.S. Air Force. He was going to Suva, on the first stage of a trip to the United States. And how did he get to Fiji?

"I was at school in my home state of Texas and

so was this purty gal. I married her. After 27 years in the Air Force, I retired and came to live on her plantation in Fiji."

The Colonel poured out a stream of anecdotes concerning his battle with the bush; macadamia nuts, they refused to flourish; imported ornamental trees, choked out by the native bush; enterprises of all kinds, including a patented method of fishing for large snapper at 100 fathoms. What did it matter if the aircraft was two hours behind schedule? And when it came, the pilot Harley Steven, agreed pleasantly to fly it on the eastern side where the steep bluffs end in spectacular waterfalls. With all this kindness, the bitterness of what happened to Taratai II at Rabi, was no longer so galling.

In Suva, I readily accepted an invitation to visit ~~XXXX~~ Andrew Thomson and his wife at the Fijian Hotel. We reminisced about old times and talked of our expedition and the visit by Taratai II.

"You know," Andrew said, "it would be really nice to see a large Fijian drua being built on the beach."

It would indeed, I agreed. In fact, I told him, I knew exactly where there was a matched pair of vesii trees.

The second adventure had ended.

The third had begun.



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3 May 1978

Dear Harry,

The Changing Pacific just arrived; a handsome volume full of scintillating essays save perhaps for the last.


I must request from you another letter of recommendation. 1979-1980 is Ruth's sabbatical year and she is hoping to spend it at Harvard working on her book on Women in Business in Hawaii. I am going to try and snag a fellowship to accompany her and work on a topic that has intrigued me for some time: Polynesian oral traditions concerning voyaging. I have been running a small seminar on the topic this semester and would hope to spend a year at Harvard analysing all the confusion to come up with something useful. The fellowships I will be applying for are all for humanists as opposed to social scientists. As anthropologists (in the US at least) qualify as humanists, and as my approach will essentially be humanistic, I will be needing a letter from a distinguished historian like yourself to bolster my case.

Is that a fair enough warning? Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will send you a form shortly to fill out and send back to the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Did a Sydney TV station get in touch with you recently about David Lewis? "This is your life" show called me about a special on Lewis there were to have put on last week. They wanted me to come down but I had to beg off (who wants to fly to Sydney for a TV show and then hop back on the plane to get back to teaching?). Anyway, I gave them your name as someone who could furnish them with an appreciation of the value of Lewis' researches.

I am still at work on my epic on the first Hokule'a voyage. I say first because in March an all-Hawaiian crew tried to sail to Tahiti again. Overloaded and overconfident they capsized 4 hours out with the loss of one life. A double-tragedy: these were the relatively "straight" Hawaiians who had finally gotten rid of the dopeheads, malevolent kahunas and Hawaiian mafia thugs who had ^{been} hornning in on the canoe, and who had so wanted to make an all-Hawaiian voyage. Hawaiian self-respect, so battered by the last two centuries of woes, was at stake. And they blew it.

Sincerely,


Ben Finney

4 Weydown Court
8th June 1978

Dear Harry,

Thank you so very much for
the Changing Pacific - at last - for
your letter. I have waited to write till
I had at least looked through the book.
I had something, & I can see it is going
to be intensely interesting & instructive
with a lot of it beyond my limited
comprehension. I enjoyed your biography
& the first essay enlarged my horizons
considerably. I had no idea that people,
from somewhere, were buzzing in to
settle on islands so early on, & that
galleons gaily sailed from one side
of the ocean to the other with little
or no knowledge that there were all
those islands. It is fascinating. I
more or less bogged down in the second
essay, not being a sailor - & that is as
far as I've got so far. I've always
been more interested in people than
in things, & people include animals,
& I can persevere lots of exciting reading
ahead. I am so glad you are
pleased with the book, & indeed it
is a real tribute to you, & you have
obviously inspired quite a lot of
people in their work in their various
fields, which must be satisfying
to you. The book was most
beautifully packed, & the S.H. stamp
intrigued me. I've never heard of
that way of sending things.
Thank you again very much, & all
luck to the Peruvians & their slave
traders. With much love
Theriel

Dear Howard,

I must just write a scrawflet to you to say thank you for the charming little notelets with Australian flowers on them. I must congratulate on another book of string figures. What fun it must be for you. I hope your eyes still hang fire so to speak. I've just been fussed again by Mr. Cameron, who apparently is delighted with me. He said I was a walking encyclopedia what a contact lens wearer should be, & even at my advanced age my sight is better than most peoples. The trouble is I see too much. With love Ruriel

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4th June 1978

Dear Harry.

I was so thrilled to get your beautifully produced book. What a lovely gift in honour of your 70th birthday - I cannot think of anything else that would give you and your family more pleasure. My only regret is that Daddy was not here to see it, and indeed Mother too in spite of her complete absorption in British local. You may not remember that Daddy and I were making a plan to go out to you in the Islands and learn something about your life there - which the outbreak of war altered our lives drastically - and put an end to our plans. Which was something I have always regretted - So I found Robert Langdon's account of your career fascinating and very illuminating.

I had never heard the story about Thomas Maudslayi "capturing King William the Lion of Scotland (1143-1214) in a border affair - I always thought your signet

will come to you both ever yours

ring was the one Daddy wore and
that it had the enclosed crest. Does
yours really have the lion behind bars
to commemorate Andomar's exploit?

I wish I could see your garden
again for it must have grown
a lot.

I am very interested in
your autovac which sounds
marvellous. This garden gets
covered with leaves in the autumn
and they take days of hard work
to rake up. But alas the gravel
paths and stone steps would make
it impossible to use here. I remember
with every the lovely compost Honor
produced. I made fairly good compost
in S.A. but my attempts here are
deplorable, and I don't like artificial
fertilizers.

I am as laid a correspondent as
you are. but fortunately Thuriel is like
her father - a good one and has kept
up his habit of passing on family news
thanks goodness. But at 79 I find
myself working harder than I ever have
before, he's out going with no help
in the house and only a few hours
a week in the garden. But I am
fortunate to be able to do it.

But I really must stop or post this
which I started three days ago.
With again my thanks for the books
and Lin's greasy & would love to have

this one you are writing now if there is a copy of spare

77 Arthur Circle,
Forrest, A.C.T. 2603,
14th October, 1978.

Dear Robyn,

I am most contrite at not having thanked you before for so kindly sending me such a lovely card on my birthday; and now I'm told that the month is in double figures, though I can hardly believe it possible.

As I hope you guessed I was immersed in the intricacies of the Peruvian slave trade and did not realize that yet another year had passed: all too quickly for my liking. The only hope I have of remembering the day is because Jim liked to have his birthday on the same day and now it has been chosen by the people of Tuvalu for their Independence Day - in fact it has been selected for many world-shattering events.

I have ended off my draft at 74,000 words, and even allowing for afterthoughts it should even out at under 80,000, especially when one cuts out passages where the same thing has been said twice - or thrice.

We shall be glad when the ordeal is over, for Honor has announced that she wants to go on a holiday - around the world I believe. The difficulty is not so much in going but in what to do with our magnificent mansion while away. The police say that even an absence of 24 hours is sufficient to get every stick in it removed.

I should come and see you but to tell the truth I am stone deaf now and only walk slowly with the help of a stick, so could not possibly get up the stairs. But when the new lift is installed I'll be there (with an ear trumpet).

Again many thanks for your kind thought; and we both hope that all goes well with you and not too much work; I always think its best to retire but it certainly does not lessen the amount of work to be done,

With love from us both;

Yours ever,

John

77 Arthur Circle, Forrest,
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19th January, 1978.

Dear Ben,

Thanks for sending me a copy of your article in Science on 'Voyaging Canoes and the Settlement of Polynesia'. An excellent technical disquisition which I have read with admiration: your intellectual powers certainly do not diminish. Goodness knows how you stuck to the project with all those brick-bats flying around; I should have given it up long before it started and told everyone to get packing.

I look forward to your book giving what they call in this country the human interest story, for I gather from David Lewis that there was plenty of drama.

I have just been reading through James Siers' Taratai. A good story and beautifully illustrated - it should have a large sale through the Pacific Islands Monthly.

No news from here. Owing to the depression everything in the academic world is frozen and nobody dares to leave their job for fear of not getting another. When anyone retires he's not replaced and tenure is a thing of the past. A few of the Ph.Ds in Pacific history have been able to get jobs as temporary tutors; others have joined the ranks of the unemployed.

With my festschrift I finally retired and settled down to enjoy life doing just what I want to and nothing else. Everybody is welcomed here and a fairly constant stream call in on their way through Canberra; but we don't go out ourselves on the pretext that we're too old. The real reason is that I prefer research and writing in peace to cocktail parties.

On Christmas Day I finished the first draft of a book on the Peruvian slave trade in Polynesia, which has meant working through all the British, American, French, Hawaiian and Peruvian official and unofficial correspondence, the Protestant and Catholic mission material, the Peruvian, Tahiti, Sydney and other newspapers, and so on - I began to think ad infinitum. I started to collect documentation about 15 years ago and must have about 1,000 items on file. Its great fun really tracing the 36 ships as they visited 43 islands; the numbers taken from each island agree surprisingly well with the numbers landing at Callao, allowing for those dying en route.

Re your article in the B.S.E.O. for 1964 (12:384-6), no slaver called at Rapa en route to Callao and none were wrecked there. I reckon your Niuean was one of the 16 repatriates from various islands who were landed at Rapa from the Barbara Gomez of whom 9 survived but none reached their home islands. The B.G. embarked 360

repatriates, leaving Callao on 18 August 1863; 15 were landed on Easter Island and 16 on Rapa, and 329 were thrown overboard as dead, or likely to die.

Many thanks indeed for your kindness in contributing to my festschrift. I should have thanked you before but to tell the truth all I was presented with was an empty box and the actual book has not been published yet. So I have not seen anyone's contribution. The publishing world and particularly the O.U.P. seems to have fallen flat on its face, dead drunk and punch happy.

Honor has been laid up on and off for 2 months but is now better again and starting another work on string figures. But so far no luck with getting the one she did with Kenneth Emory published, and he doesn't answer our anxious enquiries. I suppose that he's a bit too old to be worried these days.

All the best to you both,

Yours,





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Dear Harry,

Enclosed is a reprint of an article on the canoe voyage. I have another article, longer and more detailed especially about navigation, in press in a book on Polynesian prehistory that Howard is putting out. And, Jim working on a book on the whole venture — with all the hassles, controversies and, I hope, drama, included.

Otherwise life is getting back to normal after 3 years of trying to get such diverse peoples as angry young Hawaiians and David Lewis to work together. Jim looking over new projects — maybe an analysis of Polynesian voyaging traditions in the light of recent linguistic, archeological and canoe research. Know any possible sponsors?

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Ruth is back at work this year on
research on women in business in Hawaii, and,
half-time, assisting Perry Oliver near the
University of Hawaii's Pacific Island Program.

How is your work going? How is
life in post-Whetlan Australia?

Pray us a line,

Aloha,

Bar Fair,

P.S. The Pacific/Hawaiian collections now have
a safe, air conditioned, home in a
new library building.

77 Arthur Circle, Forrest,
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7th February, 1978.

Miss Sally M. Edridge,
Library School,
The National Library of New Zealand,
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New Zealand.

Dear Miss Edridge,

I should have written to you before to thank you for sending me the correspondence about your Solomon Islands Bibliography; but I did take what action I could at the time to help you by writing to Gavan Daws and offering to find out about Webb and the status of his effort.

As I did not hear from him I presume that he has dealt with your problem himself and I hope that all is now well. One so often hears of people starting gaily on bibliographies but very seldom indeed of anyone finishing one; and of the nine bibliographies which people were preparing for the Pacific Monograph Series at one time or another Coppell's Cook Islands effort and yours were the only ones still viable by the time I handed over to Gavan.

I am glad that Dick Horton has bowed out and left the field to you. He was enthusiastic when I suggested the idea to him but I came to the conclusion that he had little idea of what a bibliography entailed and felt that he would never last out to the end of the road. In any case he is a gifted writer and I'm sure that he would prefer to continue producing his own books on the Solomons rather than recording those written by others: fair 'nuff.

I have searched my study cum library from end to end but your letter asking about the form of certain entries has never turned up. Rather extraordinary because being an ex-public servant I rather pride myself on my filing system, and anyway nothing unanswered should ever get out of my in-trays. I can only surmise that it went to the Department of Pacific History at the A.N.U. when I handed over all the files relating to the Pacific History and Pacific Monograph Series.

But no matter because it does seem rather ridiculous for me, a mere amateur bibliographer, to tell you, a lecturer at the prestigious Library School, anything about bibliographical entries. You must surely have acquired far more expertise on the subject than I ever have; and in any case the form of entry rather depends on the particular system you have adopted. Some of us stick to the Library Association rules, some use Library of Congress and others British Standard, and for all I know there may be a dozen others.

So I'll sign off and get on with my book on the Peruvian Slave Trade in Polynesia. I finished the first draft at midday on Christmas Day and have now to turn it into a readable literary style so that hopefully people will pick it up and really want to read right to the end.

My wife has just finished her fifth book on string figures (or cat's cradles). Having polished off the Gilberts, Nauru, Tikopia and the Tuamotus this is on The String Figures of the Solomon Islands and is based on the field notes of Sir Raymond Firth made in 1928 and Christa de Coppet, mostly from Malaita, in 1936, with some of her own. Tomorrow we do the Foreword and Comparative Table showing the affinities with other areas.

Yours sincerely,

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28 November 1977

Dear Professor Maude,

Thankyou for your letter and comments. I am enclsing copies of my letters concerning the Solomon Islands Bibliography as I am aware that you have not really been told all the developments.

I trust you do not mind that I have copied all my letters to Bob Langdon and Professor Daws as well.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sally M. Edridge'.

(Miss) Sally M. Edridge.

Dear Miss Edridge,

I was glad to get your letter for I thought that you would never write to me again since I did not answer your last one.

It was absolutely unconscionable of me, but you probably heard how the British Government uplifted me to England, much against my will and better judgement; and kept me in London for months advising and giving evidence on the Banaban affair.

When I came back it was to face over 70 letters, many of them requiring considerable thought and research to answer properly, and yours, among others, remained unanswered for some months, when Judy Bennett mentioned that you had gone and she knew not whither.

Now that I know your address I must try to find your first letter and answer it to the best of my ability, or my old-fashioned conscience will never let me rest.

As to your present dilemma I'm sorry to say that I have handed over all responsibility for the Pacific History and Pacific Monograph Series to the Department of Pacific History at the ANU. Having edited and produced 11 volumes I felt that as an aged and infirm septuagenarian I had done my whack and was entitled to spend the rest of my days writing up my own material for publication; and right at the moment I am finishing a book on the Peruvian Slave Trade in Polynesia.

So I must perforce forward your letter to Professor Gavan Daws for whatever action he thinks proper to take, since he is chairman of the committee which now deals with the series and the members would not be happy if having handed over I then started to butt in.

I take Webb's statement that he hoped that the ANU Press would publish his MS as merely the expression of a fond hope, and nothing more. For if he was serious surely he would have got in touch with me or the Press, who would have sent his letter to me, long ere this. And in any case the Press knew that you were working on the Solomon bibliography.

Nobody seems to have heard of Webb here and unless he has worked in the Solomons it seems unlikely that his bibliography could be very comprehensive; anyone can copy out entries from the Mitchell and Turnbull which only possess standard items and not the hard-to-find material.

I feel that if you collaborate with Webb he will be the gainer, but if Gavan Daws decides that he cannot help you I am willing, if you like, to write to him unofficially and endeavour to find out the nature, size and status of his effort and how far he has progressed, mentioning that another MS for the ANU is nearing completion. Hopefully this will provide the information on which you can decide whether to join forces or go ahead on your own. Is the Ian Horton partnership dissolved? I have not heard from him for ages.

I should advise caution before committing yourself because I find that for every 10 bibliographies started less than one ever gets finished and it is more than likely that Webb has done nothing on his since mid-1975 and is by now off on another tack.

On the general subject of bibliographies the tendency of late has been to publish them as paperbacks by offset or other photographic or duplicating process, and partly as a consequence the ANU Press seems to have lost interest in them. Gavan Daws, however, has I believe got funds to enable their publication through the Research School of Pacific Studies with the Press handling only the sale and distribution.

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MAXIMUM ADHESION. PRESS DOWN FOR A FEW SECONDS.

I can. My wife, however, has been laid up for some three weeks and until she gets on her feet again I have to be shopper, cook, washer upper, house cleaner, gardener and nurse, which leaves me little time for anything else: even my precious book.

Yours sincerely,

Harry Maude



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7 November 1977

Professor H. E. Maude,
77 Arthur Circle,
Forrest,
A.C.T. 2603,
AUSTRALIA.

Dear Professor Maude, Solomon Islands National Bibliography

Since My last letter to you I have returned to New Zealand and am now lecturing at the Library School.

Prior to leaving the Solomon Islands I made extensive searches for locally published material and brought home with me over 6,000 entries altogether. I have now started to research in New Zealand and as I am working over the road from both the Alexander Turnbull Library and the National Union Catalogue this is ideal.

I was rather disconcerted to discover last week however that there is someone else currently compiling a bibliography and hoping in fact that the Australian National University Press will publish it. My information comes from a letter filed in the Turnbull Library from

Mr E. F. Webb,
Kuomg Gai College of Advanced Education,
Eton Road,
Westlindfield,
NSW, Australia, 2070.

I have to admit that this rather shattered my enthusiasm as it is quite useless two of us carrying out identical research. He did not say in his letter dated July 1975 how comprehensive he intended his bibliography to be or if he held much of the locally published material. At that time he had about 2,000 entries and apparently much had come from the Mitchell Library and the Turnbull. It is quite possible that I also have records similar to his although I doubt that he could hold entries for works published in the country to the extent I do. However I would be prepared to co-operate with him if we could complement each others research but would not be so happy if we had already covered the same ground.

I intended to try to make the record as comprehensive and complete as possible and for the last few months have worked on the principle of trying to complete some research every day. Last week I discovered many publications of the Church of Melanesia which I had not been able to sight previously.

I should be grateful for your comments and advice and look forward very much to your reply,

Yours sincerely,

Sally M. Edridge

PACIFIC MANUSCRIPTS BUREAU

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8 June 1977

Miss Sally Edridge,
c/o New Zealand Library School,
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Wellington,
NEW ZEALAND.

Dear Sally,

Many thanks for your letter of 1 June in which you gave me news of your new activities and of the Solomon Islands bibliography. I hope you find your new job to your liking and that you will not lose your enthusiasm for getting on with the bibliography in your spare time.

If you get to the stage with the bibliography that you feel that a trip to Sydney and Canberra is necessary to add touches to it that cannot be made in New Zealand, please drop me a line and I will see if such a trip could be financed from the Australian Government's South Pacific Cultures Fund. However, for this to be done, we would probably need to get a letter from the Department of Education and Culture in the Solomons expressing support for what you are doing. The letter should not be too difficult to obtain as the present governor, Mr. Colin Allan, expressed considerable interest in the bibliography when Jim Specht and I were in Honiara. If the bibliography is completed before 1979 it may well be that money could also be found from the Cultures Fund to publish it. At present, the Australian Government's cultural aid programme for the Pacific Islands is due to expire on 30 June 1979, and there is no certainty that a new one will take its place, although I will be surprised if the government suddenly stops giving this kind of aid.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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18th March 1976

Dear Sally,

Thank you very much for your letter of 11th March, 1976

Since you want to get on with things - and can obviously work very much faster than I can - I think your ideas are the best ones and I will cease to work on what I was doing .

The only source which you may not be able to consult is Lewin's Royal Empire Society catalogue - if you cannot - let me know in due course and I will start on that .

In his letter to me of 7th February 1973, Maude also refers to the British Museum and Library of Congress catalogues as a means of making sure that entries are correct - I do not know if you can in any way contact the Library of Congress but I can get to the British Museum if necessary - so let me know if you think that is necessary , presently.

Our term is nearly at an end and come the end of the summer term I shall start sliding gently into retirement - and will have more time on my hands - I've probably told you all this - sure sign of age -but in view of the amount of work you propose to do I think it would be best if you regard yourself as the author of this magnum opus and collect all the royalties - and I will do what I can to help. I am sure Maude will provide all the assistance you want when it comes to a contract and actual publishing.

Now I must cease and return to the world of macro and micro etc - If the census comes your way and you are writing - let me know how it is going. I have not met the man doing it this time although the Demographer Ko Groenewegen is an old and valued friend

all good wishes

*yours sincerely
Dick*

C% Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs,
Honiara,
Solomon Islands,
11 March, 1976.

Dear Dick,

Thankyou for your letter of 4 March 1976. I have just had a letter also from Professor Maude and been reassured that I'm tackling the job in the right way.

sources

The ~~sources~~ you mention I have already covered, i.e. Taylor (completely) and the Mitchell Library Catalogue. I have also had access to Bibliographies of the Catholic Mission and of course the publications of the Church of Melanesia. 250 extra entries have just been included as being publications concerned with the geology of the Solomon Islands and I have access to the material produced in the fields of agriculture and medicine. I have dozens of entries also for government publications.

From Professor Maude's letter it seems to me that there is indeed a mass of work to be done but as I come from this part of the world I know where most of the information can be found here, in Australia, New Zealand and Honolulu. I am doubtful still as to whether or not we are duplicating each others work. In which case it would be a waste of time and not be particularly rewarding to either of us. My bibliography was planned to finish with 1975 being the date of internal self-government, the establishment of the Church of Melanesia and in many other ways from the development patterns here an ideal date-line. I am very much interested in this bibliography and would be very happy to devote quite a lot of time to it within the next few years. I hope to have easy access to material as I know of much un-catalogued material in New Zealand libraries. Doubtless Australia has the same wealth.

I do not want to sound impatient about producing this bibliography but knowing your present and future commitments wonder if it would not be better if I carried on at my present rate and when I have exhausted all areas we then consult on the matter. It would not appear that we can find material at the same rate, you are indeed working under difficulty, and although I would be happy to work with you I would not really be happy to find we have covered identical fields or to wait many years to see the outcome of all this effort.

Yours sincerely,

P. S. Although a librarian typing is not really my forte.

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Sussex BN26 6HA
England.

4th March 1976

Dear Sally,

Very nice to have your letter of 18th February - to get down to business - Prof. Maude suggested way back in 1973 the way I should attack this.

Basically he suggested that I should work through the published general and regional catalogues - using the Bibliographie de Tahiti as a kind of 'bible' as it is apparently - and I have not got hold of it yet - the essence of correct entry - so - I am working through Taylor's A Pacific Bibliography - using 5" x 3" plain cards - and putting on them in pencil the details of everything therein about the Solomons. When I have done that Lewin's Royal Empire Society catalogue looms up, followed if available - by dictionary catalogues of the Mitchell Library, Bernice P. Bishop Museum, American Geographical Society, Colonial Office Library, Peabody Museum - and there are others.

When and if I get through those I can find here I will divide the information into subjects eg. Religions, War, Economics, Crafts etc. but there is so much to do and for me - so little time to do it, that it occurred to me that it might be best if I tried to deal with ~~the~~ Taylor, Lewin and Colonial Office -

I have not checked yet but I think the others would not be duplicated here - for instance is not Mitchell in Sydney? Bernice P - in N.Z.? American Geog - Washington? Peabody - America? I expect you will be able to put me right. Would it be possible/easy to get at these from your end? It all sounds as though we, Sally - between us, had better arrange to live another 100 years -

A final dictat from Harry Maude - 'Except for local publications the only newspaper or magazine news - magazine one need record items from (apart from signed articles) is the Pacific Islands Monthly'

And just to cheer me up he says - "and to make sure that your entry is correct you can refer to the British Museum or Library of Congress catalogues"

Well - is this any help? I must say that when I first got Harry Maude's letter I thought - well there's something to do for the next 50 years - however if you can cope with half or more I'm willing to cut it down to 25 -

I'd be glad to hear what you think - the card entry of everything followed by subject entry seems logical - but of course any bibliography is always out of date because of new material being churned out at high speed - however I suppose in the world that is concerned with these things - that is taken as read.

I shall be semi-retiring from Science teaching next August - at least I hope so - and should then be doing more work on the B. but the main snag is distance from London and the expense of getting there which mounts steadily. All this sounds very gloomy but not to worry we shall get there in the end probably meeting at Peter's gate to ask him about some item which has escaped us.

I have not copied this to Prof. M - when you have a moment and feel strong enough to let me know if these so called 'guide lines' are of any use
Yours sincerely Dick (so christened) Horton

77 Arthur Circle, Forrest,
A.C.T. 2603, Australia,
27th February, 1976.

Miss S.M. Eldridge,
Library Adviser,
Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs,
HONIARA, British Solomon Islands.

Dear Miss Eldridge,

Your letter has just arrived and as I leave tomorrow for London to advise the British Government on Ocean Island and Rabi Island affairs I must be short and sweet.

I enclose a list of categories and some hints on the form of entries which we prepared for Dr W.G. Coppell, who is compiling a Bibliography of the Cook Islands for the Pacific Monograph Series, published by the Australian National University Press, of which I am General Editor.

The categories only apply in toto to the Cook Islands and you may well need to make out your own to suit the Solomons. In any case it is probably best to have the Bibliography arranged in a single alphabetical series by authors and categorize in a separate index to follow. We don't really mind, our only essential requirements being comprehensiveness and consistency of entry.

As to the form of entry it is best to use the one which suits you, or you are most familiar with, provided, that is, that it contains the necessary data, as most of them do. Mrs Johnston uses the Library of Congress rules for her Bibliography of Guam and Professor Holmes a modified L.C. system for his Bibliography of Samoa. Others use Harvard rules, British Standard or British Museum or the Library Association. As I have said, consistency throughout is the main consideration.

Annotations are only necessary where the title does not convey sufficient information as to the contents. The main thing is to keep them as concise as possible and to avoid evaluations. See my article (or rather address) in that Unesco booklet on ~~XXX~~ Documentary Research Needs: its the last article but one and deals with Pacific Bibliography (though misnamed by the silly goats).

Wishing you all success and let me know if you run into any snags: if you like send me a few specimen entries for criticism.

Yours sincerely,

J. M. G. G. G.

Sorry this is such a mess but I'm trying to pack and do a dozen things at the same time. England will be terribly cold - it always is.

18 February 1976

Dear Mr Horton,

Thank you for your letter of 5 February 1976. As it would appear we are going to have rather a long period of correspondence I should be pleased if you would call me Sally.

I am copying this letter to Professor Maude in Australia and shall be asking him to comment on it. As you assumed our letters crossed but I was waiting for you to reply before contacting you again.

I have no definite policy for compiling this Bibliography, so far only having collected the equivalent of main entry catalogue cards. I think we should decide whether it is to be an annotated Bibliography in which case it will be a far longer task than if we keep it to a simple list. I have no definite idea of arrangement either and at the moment have it on file strictly alphabetical. Although I am a Librarian I have had no previous experience in compiling a Bibliography of this size and feel that if you also have no definite policy that we should consult Bibliographers and come to a mutual agreement.

You mention that you will forward the lists of entries to me as soon as you have exhausted all sources in England. It is very possible that many of your entries are also recorded in the Bibliography I have compiled to date. It would appear unnecessary for us to be duplicating work and I think it would be preferable if we had more understanding of each others work to date.

I look forward to your comments and reiterate that I have no fixed guide-lines and am prepared to follow the course of action which seems most appropriate to both you and any specialist you may consult.

Yours sincerely,

S.M. Edridge (Miss)
Library Adviser

Mr D C Horton
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Pevensy Road, Polegate
SUSSEX BN26 6HR, England

cc Professor H E Maude
77 Arthurs Circle
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A.C.T. 2603
Australia

18 February 1976

Dear Professor Maude,

Please find enclosed a copy of the letter I have forwarded to D Horton. In your initial letter which you kindly sent me you suggested that we might collaborate and as you may note we have agreed to do so.

I have to date nearly 3,000 entries including monographs, theses and periodical articles. You will note that in my letter to Dick I explain that I have not as yet done any annotating and I think that some advice from Bibliographers in Australia would be most helpful to both of us.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

S.K. Wdrige (Miss)
Library Adviser

Professor H E Maude
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Australia

I expect you will note its publication but

Dittons Corner,
Pevensey Road,
Polegate,
Sussex BN26 6HR
5th February 1976

Dear Miss Edridge,

Thank you very much for your letter of
28th January 1976.

You will probably have had my letter of
21st January by now, so our letters crossed, and
I am glad to know that we are at one on the
idea of collaboration. You have done a mighty
amount of work - I fear I can only report some
± 60 titles - but I will try to speed up my end.
As a very busy Science master I have no time
at all during terms and not much opportunity to
visit London. However I think a satisfactory
way of proceeding would be for me to exhaust
all sources here and then send the lists to
you as you will be nearer the scene of action.

In view of the fact that you will probably have
much more to do with the Bibliography in the end,
than I shall, I think you ought to have a greater
percentage of the royalties - but can we leave
that for the moment to see how things work out ?

I am sending a copy of this to Professor Maude
who, I am sure, will do all he can to help in this
matter - a ~~ma~~ late flash - Walter Lord, an
American author, with whom I am in touch will be
bringing out another book on the Coastwatchers and
or the Solomons either this year or the next -

DICK MORTON

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Polegate,
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England

21st January 1976

Dear Miss Edridge,

Bibliography of the Solomons

In January 1972, Mr Maude lately of the Australian National University and of whom I am sure you know, asked me if I would care to prepare a Bibliography of the Solomons and in February of that year I agreed to do so, and have been slowly compiling it ever since.

I had a letter from Mr Maude a few days ago telling me that you, too, were compiling a Bibliography and he suggested that we might collaborate on this venture rather than one of us withdrawing from it. Personally I like the idea as it is obviously easier for you to gather together material available in your sphere while I can, however slowly, put together the material available from a number of sources in England and then, in due course, the whole affair could be welded together with the help of the University publishers. Mr Maude, when he wrote to me in 1972 did not think that there was much point in getting a contract from the publishers but rather than have them round one's neck it was better to get the job done - and from my experience with the books I have written I agree with him.

I do not think there is much to be made commercially out of Bibliographies but what there is we could share on a 50/50 basis - I took the task on originally as a thing worth doing because I am very fond of the islands and think that whatever can be done to help them should be done.

When this reaches you perhaps you would let me know what you think of the idea - with a copy of your letter to Mr Maude - as I am sure he will be very willing to give us the benefit of his experience on any points that crop up. I am sending him a copy of this letter.

Most of the material is in London and as I do not go up there very often the compilation is necessarily slow but it will be done in the end. Depending on what you think of the idea we can, at a later date, decide on details. Meanwhile I envy you being out there despite all the changes which I see mentioned in The Drum. I would have liked to have come out and done the present census but I expect the powers that be thought I was too old.

With kind regards -

yours sincerely,

E. C. Horton

Miss Sally Edridge,
Library Adviser,
c/o The Permanent Secretary,

MECA PO Box 584 Honiara, The Solomons

14th January, 1976.

Miss Sally Edridge,
Library Adviser,
C/o The Permanent Secretary, MECA,
P.O. Box 584, HONIARA,
Solomon Islands.

Dear Miss Edridge,

Robert Langdon mentioned to me some weeks ago that you were engaged in compiling a Bibliography of the Solomon Islands, but I have only recently succeeded in extracting your address from him.

This is indeed a most praiseworthy project and if there is any way in which I can assist you please do not hesitate to let me know.

My only concern in writing at the moment is to obviate, if possible, any duplication in a field in which there are so few workers and so much to be done.

You may have seen that on p.77 of the Unesco monograph on Source Materials related to Research in the Pacific Area I stated that Father James Wall, S.M., was undertaking a Solomons bibliography. Since then, however, his health appears to have prevented him from proceeding with the work; and for all I know he may be dead, since I have not heard from him for a long time.

About two years ago Mr D.C. Horton, a former government officer in the Solomons, agreed to step into the breach; you will be familiar with his The Happy Islands: a diary of the Solomons, Fire over the Islands: the coast watchers of the Solomons, and New Georgia: pattern for victory.

Horton wrote to me about a fortnight ago to say that he had commenced work on the bibliography, but that it was progressing slowly at present because his visits to London were infrequent since he was still teaching. He hopes, however, to retire this year and proposes to speed operations as soon as he is out of harness, though he has at least two other books in progress so will not be working full-time on bibliographic compilation.

It occurred to me that instead of working in competition you two might agree to collaborate, with Dick Horton concentrating on the material available in England and yourself on local publications (whether in English, pidgin or a vernacular) as well as on books, monographs, theses and articles published by Australian and New Zealand presses and periodicals.

This is only a suggestion, which I have taken the liberty of making to him as well as to yourself. You may, of course, prefer to do your own thing alone, in which case Horton can either withdraw from the fray or decide to proceed solo.

In any case please rest assured that you have the best wishes of your brother and sister bibliographers working in the Pacific Islands field and that any help which we can afford is yours for the asking.

Judy Reed, formerly Librarian at the Bishop Museum, Honolulu, is collaborating with me on the Bibliography of Bibliographies of the Pacific Islands, and Dr W.G. Coppel and Bessie Lovett, the SPC Librarian at Noumea are working together on the Bibliography of the Cook Islands, which we hope to publish before the end of the year.

H. E. MAUDE

28 January 1976

Mr. D.C. Horton
Dittons Corner
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Polegate, Sussex BN26 6HR
ENGLAND

Dear Mr. Horton,

I have just received a letter from Professor H.E. Maude informing me that you are currently engaged on researching for a Bibliography of the Solomon Islands. He also draws my attention to page 77 of the UNESCO monograph in which it is stated that Father James Wall, was undertaking a Solomons Bibliography. I have written to Father Wall for confirmation and having received no reply surmised that he is no longer able to continue this work.

I have been in the Solomon Islands for two years in the position of Library Adviser and during this time have established the Solomon Islands National Library. One of the important components of this library is obviously the Pacific Collection. The Depositary Act which came into being in the early 1970's has meant that much of the current material is held in the Solomon Islands. There is also quite a substantial collection which has been received through the Western Pacific High Commission and been placed in the Solomon's Public Library. This collection together with all other publications that we could find has been completely re-catalogued and I have copies of catalogue cards for all books relating to the Solomon Islands. The Rev. John Pinson, for three years Deputy Warden of Hokimarama Theological College, worked on the compilation of a Bibliography of the publications of the Melanesian Missions and the Diocese of Melanesia and estimated that he had identified 75% of all material published. He has given me copies of all his entries. In short, in the last two years, I too have been working on a Bibliography of the Solomon Islands and todate have about 2,500 entries, including monographs, theses and periodical articles. I intended during the next few months to annotate these cards. In April I return to New Zealand, there having access to the Alexander Turnbull Library and the Auckland Museum not to mention any of the other libraries holding Pacific material. I know that the Alexander Turnbull Library has two catalogue drawers of unclassified material on the Solomon Islands.

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In this area of research where there is so much to do and so few people to do it, it would be unfortunate if we were duplicating each others efforts. I would be interested to hear at your earliest convenience, comments or suggestions which you may wish to make concerning the one Bibliography which is after all what is required. Rather than both of us working in the same direction it could be better to collaborate but I will await a reply from you before altering my present programme.

Yours faithfully,

S.M. Edridge (Miss)
Library Adviser
for Permanent Secretary

77 Arthur Circle,
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3rd December, 1977.

Professor Gavan Daws,
Department of Pacific and SEAsian History,
The Australian National University,
Box 4, P.O., CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600.

Dear Gavan,

A letter received from Sally Edridge yesterday has served to remind me that I have omitted to pass on her letter of the 7th November, as I promised her I would do; alas I found it filed away instead.

If Sally and Dick Horton have not got a file to themselves Robyn will be able to abstract the previous correspondence on the 'Bibliography of the Solomon Islands'. I'm glad that Dick has bowed out since although a good writer of books on the Solomons he is an amateur at bibliography, and lukewarm at that, whereas Sally is a professional and very keen. Incidentally, both Robert and Judy know Sally personally and will be willing to give her a good reference.

Should you like me to find out, or rather sound out, about Webb, as I offered to do, let me know. Personally I am hopeful that he has abandoned the field, for any fool can copy entries from the Mitchell and Turnbull Catalogues and Sally should by now have got far beyond that tyro stage.

Many thanks for kindly offering to pay all charges for the illustrations for the Gilbert Islands Independence History. They are now finished and have been excellently copied, and we are busy writing captions on the back of each before sending them on.

Yours,

John

77 Arthur Circle, Forrest,
A.C.T. 2603, Australia,
19th November, 1977.

Dear Miss Edridge,

I was glad to get your letter for I thought that you would never write to me again since I did not answer your last one.

It was absolutely unconscionable of me, but you probably heard how the British Government uplifted me to England, much against my will and better judgement, and kept me in London for months advising and giving evidence on the Banaban affair.

When I came back it was to fact over 70 letters, many of them requiring considerable thought and research to answer properly, and yours among others, remained unanswered for some months, when Judy Bennett mentioned that you had gone and she knew not whither.

Now that I know your address I must try to find your first letter and answer it to the best of my ability, or my old-fashioned conscience will never let me rest.

As to your present dilemma I'm sorry to say that I have handed over all responsibility for the Pacific History and Pacific Monograph Series to the Department of Pacific History at the ANU. Having edited and produced 11 volumes I felt that as an aged and infirm septuagenarian I had done my whack and was entitled to spend the rest of my days writing up my own material for publication; and right at the moment I am finishing a book on the Peruvian Slave Trade in Polynesia.

So I must perforce forward your letter to Professor Gavan Daws for whatever action he thinks proper to take, since he is chairman of the committee which now deals with the series and the members would not be happy if having handed over I then started to butt in.

I take Webb's statement that he hoped that the ANU Press would publish his MS as merely the expression of a fond hope, and nothing more. For if he was serious surely he would have got in touch with me or the Press, who would have sent his letter to me, long ere this. And in any case the Press knew that you were working on the Solomon bibliography.

Nobody seems to have heard of Webb here and unless he has worked in the Solomons it seems unlikely that his bibliography could be very comprehensive; anyone can copy out entries from the Mitchell and Turnbull which only possess standard items and not the hard-to-find material.

I feel that if you collaborate with Webb he will be the gainer, but if Gavan Daws decides that he cannot help you I am willing, if you like, to write to him unofficially and endeavour to find out the nature, size and status of his effort and how far he has progressed, mentioning that another MS for the ANU is nearing completion. Hopefully this will provide the information on which you can decide whether to join forces or go ahead on your own. Is the Ian Horton partnership dissolved. I have not heard from him for ages.

I should advise caution before committing yourself because I find that for every 10 bibliographies started less than one ever gets finished and it is more than likely that Webb has done nothing on his since mid-1975 and is by now off on another tack.

On the general subject of bibliographies the tendency of late has been to publish them as paperbacks by offset or other photographic or duplicating process, and partly as a consequence the ANU Press seems to have lost interest in them. Gavan Daws, however, has I believe got funds to enable their publication through the Research School of Pacific Studies with the Press handling only the sale and distribution.

University of Queensland

I'll reply to the queries in your letter as soon as I can. My wife, however, has been laid up for some three weeks and until she gets on her feet again I have to be shopper, cook, washer upper, house cleaner, gardener and nurse, which leaves me little time for anything else: even my precious book.

Yours sincerely,

J. M.

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Private Bag, Wellington 1, N.Z.

7 November 1977.

Dear Professor Maude,

Solomon Islands National Bibliography

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Yours sincerely, Sally M. Edridge.

P.S. I await your reply before taking any other action on the matter of duplication but will continue my research in the meantime.

Statement annexed to Part A

(1) Date of arrival in Australia

I first arrived in Australia in 1929, en route from the United Kingdom to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, but did not become a permanent resident of Australia until the 24th May, 1949, on appointment as Social Development Officer, South Pacific Commission, with headquarters at Sydney. On retirement from this position I joined the staff of the Australian National University in January, 1957, and have been resident in Canberra ever since. I have been domiciled in Australia, therefore, either in Sydney or Canberra, for the past 27 years.

(2) Port of arrival and airline

My passport states that I arrived at Sydney, and to the best of my recollection Qantas was the only airline running from Noumea, my airport of departure, to Sydney at that time.

(3) Departure and return dates of absences from Australia

As the headquarters of the South Pacific Commission were situated at Noumea and that of the Social Development Section of the Commission at Sydney, while the territory with which I was concerned comprised all the Pacific Islands with the exception of Hawaii and Easter Island, my absences on duty travel in the islands amounted to several each year. They were all of relatively brief duration, however, and at no time from 1949 to the present day has my permanent domicile been other than in Australia, where my wife, son and latterly grandchildren have been continuously domiciled, and resident except for brief absences, and where our matrimonial home has been, and is, situated. My longest absence from Australia was during my sabbatical study leave from the University in 1962-1963 and amounted to a year, spent in the United Kingdom, United States and New Zealand.

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John
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77 Arthur Circle, Forrest,
A.C.T.2603, Australia,
6th February, 1978.

Dear Saul,

Many thanks for your letter and I'm glad that you are pleased with The Book of Luelen. It has been such an age in making its appearance that I began to despair of ever sighting it myself; and to be truthful I have not seen it as yet. Pat Croft said that she had only the one copy and that it had gone to you. I expect that the rest are coming by sea from Hong Kong or wherever they were printed.

It was my last effort as General Editor of the series, for last year I was able to hand over the work to the Department and I believe it is now being done by a committee. Goodness knows how a committee can do this class of work.

And the year before we were in England as the guests of the British Government: real V.I.Ps with first-class round the world tickets, paid stopovers in Honolulu, Los Angeles, New Orleans and Miami, and a fortnight in Mauritius on the way home to recover. All this because they wanted my evidence on the Banaban claims for \$70 millions; and someone said that my three days in the witness box could have saved the Government \$20 millions; so my conscience was reasonably quiet, for our jaunt only cost them \$20,000. And it was good for morale at our age to be wanted so badly that they sent several people from London to persuade us to uproot ourselves. What got them bidding up was the fact that Honor wouldn't go, and I wouldn't go without her.

I have come to the conclusion that the one job which suits me, and which I can do reasonably well, is retirement; and we both live quite contentedly working hard at our own special interests, plus two hours daily of gardening to keep fit. Honor has just finished her work on 'The String Figures of the Solomon Islands', with Sir Raymond and Christa de Coppet, which has taken a couple of years. And on Christmas at midday I finished the first draft of a book on 'Peruvian Slavers in Polynesia', which tells a rather horrific story of the kidnapping of 4,000 Polynesians for forced labour in Peru, whence seven managed to return alive. I have traced the routes of the 34 ships engaged in the trade on their 39 voyages to 45 islands during 1862 and 63. Now I am trying to rewrite it all in what I hope will pass muster as a readable literary style.

We were glad to hear that all goes well with you and the family and wish you all happiness in your retirement. Robert Langdon was here yesterday and tells me that he saw you on his way around the world - everybody except a few converts damns his book but I find that very few have ever read it. Actually we can do with someone who throws an occasional spanner into Pacific history, for since Jim's death it has tended to hibernate in a complacent somnolence.

Honor says that she has written to Mildred. Why not retire somewhere near Santa Cruz, so that you can put in an occasional stint at helping the folks in the Center for South Pacific Studies, which paradoxically seems to be mostly concerned with the North Pacific.

Yours,

JLM



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Dept. of Anthropology
December 22, 1977

Dear Harry,

It is such a very long time since we exchanged letters that I can't remember who wrote last. Never mind, the immediate reason for writing now is that I received an advance copy of the Book of Luelen some time ago and have been wanting to tell you how pleased I am with it. Apparently there are more coming by surface mail, but this one is well-thumbed already. It is very well-produced and I find very few errors in it. I am most grateful to you for all the hard work you did on it.

I haven't seen the second volume yet, but I am sure it will be of the same quality.

I trust things go well with you and Honor. We had ANU visitors recently, Bob Gregory, the economist, and his wife, but they didn't seem to recognize your name. Dorothy Shineberg wrote us from Europe and again when she got back to Canberra; she evidently had a fine trip.

Mildred plans to retire from teaching school on her 60th birthday, which is in February, 1978, and I will probably soon follow. We badly want a warmer climate to live in, and both Arizona and Florida tempt us, but I think I'd miss both the amenities of Washington and the research resources. You may remember our youngest son, Tom, who visited us in Canberra briefly when we were there; he was then a college freshman. After college he became a writer and editor for an environmental action foundation, published a book, then became a reporter for a newspaper, a job he dearly loved, but then was offered a 3-year full-tuition scholarship at New York Univ. Law School in the field of public law which he felt unable to resist, so there he is now.

Please give our best regards to Honor.

Sincerely,

Saul Risenberg



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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Invitation to former Staff, Honours and Postgraduate Students:

In 1902 George Cockburn Henderson was appointed Professor of Modern History and English Literature in the University of Adelaide. Although preceded by the short tenure of Alfred Langton Douglas (1900-1902), Henderson became the University's first Professor of Modern History when the Jury Chair in English was endowed in 1921.

To mark the Diamond Jubilee of Henderson's appointment, we are proposing to hold a social gathering for past and present staff, Honours and Postgraduate Students of the Department on Thursday, 1st December. We very much hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to renew acquaintance with the Department and your contemporaries. Even if you are unable to attend this function, as a past member of the Department you may wish to contribute to the appeal which we are launching.

The main object of the appeal is to improve Departmental facilities for Honours and Postgraduate students - specifically to refurbish the Honours room, to provide the basis for a small reference library and to subsidise Honours students who need to travel outside Adelaide in connection with research for their theses. Donations may be sent to the Bursar; cheques should be made payable to the University of Adelaide and donors should indicate that they wish their gifts to be applied to the Henderson Jubilee Appeal. Amounts of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible.

However, we should like to assure you that the prime purpose of next month's gathering is social, and that while we hope you may eventually wish to contribute to the appeal, we shall not be soliciting on-the-spot donations! We look forward to seeing you on December 1st.

Yours sincerely,

Norman Etherington
Norman Etherington.

Wilfrid Prest
Wilfrid Prest.

*Cheque for \$100
sent on 7.1.78.
see letter of that date to
Ian Campbell in File D/11*

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R.S.V.P. by 28 November to:
The Chairman,
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I shall/shall not be able to accept your invitation for Thursday 1 December.

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Anthropology,

23 August, 1978

Dear Harry,

I very much appreciated and, indeed, was much touched by your letter of 17 July.

I well know that I did exactly the right thing when I handed over to you my collection of research materials on the Peruvian labour raids. You are most welcome to retain them for as long as you want to, and to make whatever use of them you wish. No one, I am convinced, is better qualified and placed to give a definitive account of the Peruvian raids than are you. I feel sure that the volume on which you are now working will stand as a culmination of your many distinguished contributions to the history of the Pacific. I am most happy to have been able to assist you in some slight way.

I was immensely pleased at your becoming a Visiting Fellow in our Department. For numerous reasons it was highly apposite. We are delighted to have you return to the academic discipline in which you began. Please do not hesitate to let me know, at any time, should you wish to avail yourself of any services that the Department might be able to provide for you. You have only to telephone me.

I thank you for your generous comments on my contribution to The Changing Pacific. I prepared it with some care hoping that it might please you; to know that it has is most satisfying to me.

Finally, I come to the last paragraph of your letter. I was so taken aback at the notion of the book on which you are working being dedicated to me, of all people, that I have been an unconscionable time in responding to your letter. I have hardly known what to say.

I am not at all sure that what you propose is something that ought to happen, though I appreciate, far more than I can say, that you should have thought it appropriate. It is gestures of this kind that make one's dedication to research, and, indeed, one's whole approach to life seem significantly worthwhile. May I thank you with all my heart. The decision I leave entirely with you.

Let me add, however, that I have wondered whether the volume might not be more fittingly dedicated to the memory of the Polynesians who suffered so dreadfully at the callous hands of others. Perhaps this is something we might talk over at some time.

I do hope the writing progresses well. If I can be of assistance in any way - in proof-reading or the like - please do not hesitate to call on me at any time.

In fullest appreciation, and with every good wish for the future,
As ever

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P.S. I attach the text of a seminar on things Samoan given in May last, that may perhaps be of some interest.

16 April 1978

Dear Professor Maude,

It was a pleasure and an honour to get your interesting and informative letter of the 11th.

Yes, I feel relieved and much better about the matter of the disputed Equatorial Pacific islands after getting your information. I have also received similar information from Sir John Smith, and from an article in the April PIM, which I just received. My Atoll Pioneers inexplicably stopped arriving before the 2 February issue. The Pacific Dependent Territories Department has indicated that they will provide full information.

It has been more difficult to get information from the U.S. Dept of State, and in fact I have been given some misinformation from them and from the U.S. Air Force. I do not think it was bad to try to stir things up a bit. I may end up looking foolish, but that is a small price to pay if there is any chance at all that it may have helped even a little.

Now about the Gilbertese language, we are familiar with the references you cited except for two. One of those I am attempting to obtain directly from the Catholic bookstore at Teaporaereke. That leaves the short list of little-known words prepared by Grimble, that you kindly offered to loan me. If you were to send me your only copy, I would copy it promptly and return it. However, you may prefer to copy it yourself and send a copy. If so, perhaps you could find out the copying costs and let me know, whereupon I would send you a draft to cover same. Any way this can be handled, I would really appreciate your making that list available.

Your kind remarks regarding the works we sent you are most welcome and appreciated, although we are aware of the shortcomings of our modest efforts. We have not progressed on the work of extending and improving the language description, but I think that in 2 or 3 years a fairly helpful and complete version will emerge (probably through the efforts of others than ourselves).

The keypunching of an annotated Oliva Gilbertese-English dictionary is now complete (32,000 punchcards), and it now exists on magnetic disk. The corresponding Bingham dictionary is about 95% complete. Thus we expect to produce the computer-generated merged dictionary, and finder list, within a couple of weeks. Then, after a year or so of editing, something like the rudimentary English-Gilbertese dictionary will be ready.

On orthography, I was not aware that you chaired the committee that recommended a standard orthography 40 years ago. However, as you evidently read Atoll Pioneer, you are probably aware that standard rules are not being adhered to. Often the same word is spelled two different ways in the same sentence. The people have not accepted a system that ignores lengthened sounds, as is manifested in personal correspondence, placards and signs, and proper names written (carved) on coconut tree trunks. Most of the "novel" orthography we proposed was already in erratic use. As for economy of typesetting, etc., one can always save by eliminating letters. The traditionalists probably claim that letters indicating lengthened sounds are more dispensable than others. We claim that such sounds are just as important as any. The foregoing

is an overstatement of our position. Actually, we are painfully aware of the difficulties in implementing the system we favour. You have mentioned some of these difficulties. But the alternatives are not very good either. At this time, we are out of touch with the "Vernacular Committee", but when we last met with them in 1976 they were leaning toward adoption of a more phonemic system, as you can see from their articles in Atoll Pioneer. As you may know, the ~~Indonesians and Malaysians~~ Indonesians and Malaysians radically changed spelling of their respective languages for compatibility, without completely confusing everyone.

While we would welcome your helpful criticism of the works we sent you, I agree that your priorities should be the books you are now working on, which you yourself are solely capable of doing. We enjoy your Men of the Pacific, and look forward to your Gilbertese Strigg Figures, which is now available here, and to the other works we hope you will produce in the future.

Again, my thanks. Sincerely yours,

Gordon W. Groves

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Additional message area

From -- Gordon W. Groves
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Harry - this note
was supposed to be attached to
~~your~~ your article I sent - but
got separated. D.

8 August 1978

Dear Harry,

Sorry to have kept this. My comment on the article was not
horribly critical as you seemed to think, but only had a suggestion to include
a reference I had come across in passing. I think there is merit in what
Jim said, but a revision along these lines would be a lengthy task,
and I gather that you do not want to pursue Palauan studies. On
the other hand, Jim's few small marginal comments, also
sharp, could be ~~soon~~ attended to with a few minutes' work.
The spelling, as he says, should also be changed to fit modern
Palauan usage, but this would be a tedious affair requiring
visits to the National whose geographical handbooks might then
turn out to be out of date.

My suggestion would be to send it, ^{Jim suggested} ~~with~~ ^{with the small changes,} ~~sent~~ ^{sent} ~~you~~
to the young man who asked for permission to use it in
his Palauan history for schools, ~~and~~ ask him to change the
spelling to suit current forms; then send it straight to the
Green Recorder or someone like that. Since other people are
going to use it in this form (which proves its general usefulness,
after all) there seems to be a good case for it to be a
lot more generally available while you and not others
pick up the credit for it. You could always do a deeper
account later if you wanted to. I trust and expect
that the Peruvian venture* goes beautifully. All the best,

Dorothy S

* I keep telling the students that the last word on it will
appear under your name next year. ?
I haven't seen any reviews of Changy Pacific yet, have you?



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
TARAWA
GILBERT ISLANDS

2 April 1978

Dear Professor & Mrs Maude,

I was thrilled with your very kind gift of Ussula Nixon's translation of Sabatier and honoured to have it inscribed by so distinguished and knowledgeable a couple as yourselves. I've read it with admiration. Ussula has been very successful in capturing the feel of the original and she has sent me scurrying back to Sabatier for

appreciated your forward, notes are essential for the
my reader and will, I am sure, soften any distress felt by present day Protestants & officials.

Many, many, thanks indeed.

Yours sincerely,
John Smith.

77 Arthur Circle, Forrest,
A.C.T.2603, Australia,
11th December, 1978.

Dr Barrie Macdonald,
Department of History,
Massey University,
PALMERSTON NORTH,
New Zealand.

Dear Barrie,

Congratulations on bringing home that Research Fellowship. It is indeed no mean feat for the competition was very hot: in fact I can never remember it more torrid. None of the selection committee (bar Gavin himself) would have stood a chance themselves in competition with the front pacemakers.

The last of my doctoral children, Caroline Ralston, has now got her Senior Lectureship, and Ben Finney, a longtime protege, has got a Council of the Humanities Fellowship to Harvard, so I can now rest in peace - at least until some of them elect to follow Noel and put in for Professorships. I get a vicarious satisfaction from seeing them all comfortably bedded down.

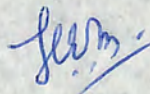
I return the form of permit to publish which you enclosed, duly signed. I take it that as copyright remains with me nothing, in theory at least, prevents me from having it published at some later date, probably amended to date, in a volume which the O.U.P. are wanting to bring out (eventually, if ever), which includes some 10 other of my effusions.

Four of the 10 are not yet written so it could not be published before 1980 at the earliest; but I mention the possibility because it is among those listed. Personally I have got grave doubts about the book ever appearing as I begin, with old age, to get bored with writing and more inclined to go on my travels again.

My forbears were ever restless - a footloose mob - and it took all the wiles of their womenfolk to keep them in one job in one place. And none of them ever lasted it out as long as I have at Canberra. But admittedly none of them were married to Honor, who is a redoubtable sheet-anchor.

All the best for 1979, now almost upon us unawares,

Yours,





Massey University

PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND.
TELEPHONES, 69-099, 69-089.

In reply please quote:

History Department

16-11-78

Dear Harry,

You will be glad to see that this project has finally come to fruition after all this time; I think it is fitting that it should be you who tells future students how our discipline has developed.

I had a note from Gavan yesterday; my application for a Research Fellowship was successful (it must have been the reference) so we expect to be back in Cambridge for 1980-81.

Best wishes,
Barrie



Massey University

PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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In reply please quote:

14 November 1978

Professor H.E. Maude,
77 Arthur Circle,
Forrest,
Canberra, ACT,
AUSTRALIA.

Dear Harry,

As you may be aware this University, in addition to its on-campus activities, accepts external enrolments for a number of degree courses. As part of a wider programme the History Department offers a first year course on the pre-colonial history of the Pacific Islands; annual enrolments from throughout New Zealand and parts of Oceania average about 180 for external students in addition to about 80 internal students. Because of the nature of the literature available we are obliged to depend heavily on periodical articles and, in an attempt to overcome the problems of distance faced by most of our students, we wish to produce a volume of articles selected from The Journal of Pacific History. We have approached the Editors and the Editorial Board; they have given their blessing to the proposed volume and will assist in its production.

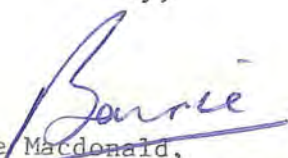
I am writing to seek your cooperation in this venture, and permission to include your work in the volume. We are not in a position to offer royalties but are sure that you will understand the need to produce the book as cheaply as possible and will be prepared to waive payment in the interest of encouraging Pacific Studies. We would, however, be glad to give you a copy of the volume (expected to be about 320 pages) and to supply any subsequent copies you might require at wholesale rates (expected to be no more than \$5) and your assistance would be acknowledged in the preface. Because of the restraints of time and cost, revision will not be possible but it would be clearly stated in the preface that the articles represented the authors' views as at the time of publication and that their conclusions might have been revised by subsequent research.

It is to be hoped that the volume might be of use to other universities and colleges and once a table of contents has been finalised I will write to teachers of Pacific Studies to ascertain their needs in this regard.

We wish to include your work in this volume because we have found it useful and informative in the past; if you are willing to assist in the future I would be grateful if you would sign and return the attached form as soon as possible. There is some urgency because a sharp increase in printing costs is expected early in 1979 and because we would like to have the volume available for the next academic year.

I will look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,


Barrie Macdonald,
Senior Lecturer in History.