

4th January, 1955.

Dear Adam,

Many thanks for kindly sending me a copy of your "English Vocabulary of Children in Fiji Schools", which I found awaiting me on my return from vacation in the United Kingdom.

I am glad to see from this that you are still going strong and hope that you are finding the grade easier and the general attitude of the Department more cordial and co-operative.

Let me know if there is ever anything we can do to help you, and with best wishes for 1955.

Yours sincerely,



M. E. Maude.

R.S. Adam, Esq.,  
Educational Research Institute  
for Fiji and Western Pacific Territories,  
Thomson Street,  
SUVA, Fiji.

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

6th January, 1955.

Dear Major Swinbourne,

As you are aware, I retired from service with the South Pacific Commission on the 1st January last and am now a private citizen on pension.

Under the circumstances I feel that I must formally request to be relieved of the position of Patron of the Pacific Islands Society, in order to make way for a successor more in the public eye.

I much appreciated the honour which the Society bestowed on me in making me their Patron and only wish I could have done more to help its progress during the past year. Unfortunately, the mounting pressure of Commission business made it impossible for me even to attend the Society's meetings except at rare intervals.

May I take this opportunity of expressing the hope that the Pacific Islands Society may continue to prosper.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude

Major C.A. Swinbourne, O.B.E.,  
President,  
Pacific Islands Society,  
29, Alberta Street,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

13th January, 1955.

Dear Miss Titcombe,

Honor and I have just finished our long vacation, the first for six years, and I am once again on deck at the office. It all seems so strange, not having been in touch with Pacific affairs for eight months.

I hope all goes well with you these days and that the museum library continues to expand at a satisfactory rate: and I trust you have no difficulty in getting all the Commission publications.

Do I have any money left with you, and if so may I please have a copy of Buck's "Explorers of the Pacific"? Ida Leeson showed me one the other day and it seems most useful epitome of the voyages: we had thought of doing one here, but no need now.

Have you got Ida Leeson's "Bibliography of Bibliographies of the South Pacific" yet? It is selling well I am glad to say and several libraries which specialize in Pacific material are taking more than one copy.

Wishing you the best of good fortune through 1955,

Yours sincerely,



H. E. Maude.

Miss M. Titcombe,  
Bernice P. Bishop Museum Library,  
HONOLULU, Hawaii.

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PACIFIC SCIENCE BOARD

18 January 1955



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

Dear Mr. Maude:

Thank you for your letter of 4 January. We have sent you under separate cover a copy of the Atoll Research Bulletin you requested.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Research Council meeting in May, and am sure that there are many matters of mutual interest which can be profitably discussed at that time. I am glad to hear that Mr. Kool of American Samoa will also be there, because I have heard highly favorable reports of his activities.

With very best wishes for 1955, and personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Harold J. Coolidge

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BERNICE P. BISHOP MUSEUM  
HONOLULU 17, HAWAII

Mr. Harry E. Maude  
South Pacific Commission  
Social Development Section  
Sydney, Australia

January 18, 1955

Dear Mr. Maude,

Let me see- if you were in England while I was in New England during the last six months of last year then I was nearer to you and Honor than than now! I too am just back at my desk, picking up this thread and that in our very busy museum. I applied for a travel grant but did not get it. If I had, I should have gone to England, to find out the extent of manuscript material on the Pacific, especially of the sort that would reveal comments on the people. As it was, I made something of a search in some New England libraries. A fine-toothed rake would be worth while using, but I did not find anything of startling worth, unknown to us.

My museum library was in the hands of a fine young Hawaiian-French lass who did a most commendable job, according to the reports of everyone. She did what was most necessary, and I hope she and others missed me!

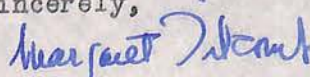
The museum here is an active place, and for us all a most happy place under our new director, Dr. Spoehr. The halls have a new and modern look, even though no great funds have been located to redo as we would like. But some exhibits could compare with up and coming museums on the mainland, I am sure. And one of the greatest benefits is our Bishop Museum Association. Within its membership are many men and women. The men don't have much time to do volunteer work, but many women come in once a week or so with regularity and are as deeply interested as members of the staff, and as competent.

Yes, thank you for inquiring, we do have Ida Leeson's "Bibliography of Bibliographies..." I have not used it myself, but expect to do so. I am glad it is selling well-appreciated.

Dr. Spoehr was in the Library a moment ago and he directs me to send you a copy of Buck's "Explorers..." as an act of friendship. But you have money here for other things- \$26.00!

My best wishes to you and Honor- do come this way next time.

Sincerely,



Margaret Titcomb, Librarian

MAIL ADDRESS. C/o Bank of New Zealand, Suva.

Waya Island,  
Kandavu.  
26th January, 1955.

H.E. Maude Esq., *O.B.E.*,  
Box. 5254 G.P.O.,  
Sydney, N.S.W.



Dear Harry,

I am sending you a couple of papers, reprints which I thought you might be interested to have especially as you were in some way connected with the genesis of both of them. Apart from that, they are old stuff and you have probably already seen them in your copies of J.P.S. and Fiji Society Proceedings.

I am making my home in Fiji, having purchased some land at Kandavu including a small Island, Waya, on which I am now building.

I have practically given up the idea of further anthropological work; the snags are too great, what with academic trade unions and tin pot governments too fearful of having their complacency punctured. I might however be interested in turning some knowledge to cash if I can find some institution or learned body anxious to offer me a fat fee for, say, eight or ten lectures on Land Tenures (in which I did considerable research at Oxford and later in the Solomons - all records lost in the war), or village politics in which I have been, of necessity an expert. Do you know any one wanting to trade cash for the oracle of experience?

Kind regards and good wishes to you, including Honour and Alaric.

Yours sincerely,

*Donald Kennedy*

PS. I sometimes see H.H.V. peering into a Suva shop window with that long cigarette holder under his nose and looking well fed and smugly benevolent.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

2nd February, 1955.

Dear Bill,

At long last I have returned to work again and am finding it quite a job to pick up the threads. I don't expect to be with the Commission for very much longer, however, for I hear that our annually postponed removal to Noumea is likely to take place almost any time now. France (or rather Laselle-Séré) continues to press and the others are for the most part not interested one way or the other. Incidentally, I am looking around for a successor and wonder if you would be willing to take over: you must be near retiring age now and, with your superannuation, the job would be quite attractive, I should think.

Sir Robert Stanley asked me to visit Honiara on the 28th February to see how the Commission, and more particularly the Social Development section, can be of service to the High Commission territories. Headquarters is most anxious that I should follow this up by a stopover in Papua and New Guinea for about a fortnight, and have written to Canberra accordingly (copy enclosed).

I have been a bit annoyed by this as most of the reasons for my coming to you in 1953 have now disappeared (community development, for example, is I believe no longer your pigeon). I am all for visiting a territory when there is some purpose to be served but if there is none then I hold that touring for the sake of touring can give us a bad name.

Anyway, I felt that I would send you an unofficial warning of what is brewing so that if there is nothing you want me for you can tell Canberra accordingly. On the other hand, if I can be of any use or service to you at all I should, of course, be glad to stop over as Noumea suggests, either on my way back from Honiara or at some later date.

I have just been to see Camilla Wedgwood and found her pretty bad, poor thing. Personally I wonder if she has long now to live; and I fear, from her remarks, that she is wondering too.

Hoping that all goes well with you these days,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. W.C. Groves,  
Director of Education,  
PORT MORESBY.

*W.C. Groves*

G.P.O. Box 5254,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

7th February, 1955.

Dear Miss McGann,

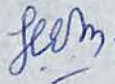
Thank you for your letter of the 31st January, informing me that at the Annual General Meeting of the Pacific Islands Society, held on the 27th January, the members expressed the desire that I should accept office as patron.

I should be glad if you would kindly convey to the president and committee of the Society my warm appreciation of this honour, which I have much pleasure in accepting.

Having spent the whole of my adult life in activities connected with the Pacific I have naturally a great interest in the Society, which I regard as doing an important work in making the islands and their peoples better known in Australia.

I hope that I may be able to be of some service to the Society not only by attending its meetings when in Sydney but more especially by making it better known during my frequent tours in the Pacific islands area.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

Miss M.M. McGann,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Pacific Islands Society,  
G.P.O. Box 2434,  
SYDNEY.





# THE PACIFIC ISLANDS SOCIETY

G.P.O. BOX 2434, SYDNEY N.S.W.

Jan. 31st. 1956

Mrs. H. E. Maunde O.B.E. M.A.  
G.P.O. Box 5254.  
Sydney.

Dear Mrs. Maunde, At the Annual General Meeting of the Pacific Islands Society held on Jan. 27th. last. the members expressed the desire that you accept office as patron of the Society. We all hope to see you present at our gatherings as our patron.

Yours faithfully  
M. M. McKean  
Hon. Secretary

THE PACIFIC ISLANDS SOCIETY

Address: G.P.O. Box 2434, Sydney.

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1954

Presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Society,  
held at the Feminist Club Rooms, 77 King Street, Sydney  
on Thursday, January 27, 1955.

This Annual Meeting marks the eighteenth year of the existence of the Society which was founded in 1937.

It is with great pleasure that your Council presents a satisfactory report covering the year ended December 31, 1954.

The year has been a very successful one. On December 31 there were 114 financial members, 14 Honorary Life Members, and 10 unfinancial members. During the year new members totalled 12, there were 8 resignations, and it is with great regret that your Council reports the deaths of 4 members, viz.:— Miss Joan Cole, (a recently enrolled member), Mr. J. Dennis Rock, Mr. A.E. Baker and Mr. T.R. Dale (members of several years' standing). The average attendance at the monthly gatherings was 65.

Your Council regrets to announce the withdrawal in November by Sir Brian Freeston, K.C.M.G., O.B.E. from the position of Patron following the severing of his connection with, and departure from, the Pacific area.

The Society has again been fortunate as regards Guest Speakers who gave interesting and instructive talks illustrated with beautiful films and slides. The speakers and areas dealt with were as follows:—

Mr. M. Selby:	Indonesia and Malaya.
Mr. & Mrs. W.F. Trinick:	Papua, Western Highlands of New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Northern Queensland.
Mr. F.J. Salisbury:	New Hebrides and Solomon Islands.
Dr. P.R. McMahon:	Wool areas of New Guinea.
Dr. W. Smythe:	Anthropological Studies in Eastern Papua.
Mr. C.P. Hughes:	Inland Australia with "Flynn of the Inland".
Mr. Frank Brook:	England, West Africa, Antarctic Islands.
Mr. Norman K. Wallis:	Papua, New Guinea, Borneo and nearby areas.
Mr. G.A.K. Williams:	Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and Niue.
Major Basil Croft:	Japan and Korea during recent hostilities.
Major A.H. Diffey:	Visit of H.M. The Queen to Suva, Fiji.

The year closed with a happy and well attended Cocktail Party during which Mrs. H.C. Monckton, Mrs. H.E. Maude and Mr. Brian Chaseling kindly provided entertainment for the members and guests.

In May the Council conferred honorary life membership on Mrs. M.S. Williamson and Mr. R.W. Robson, F.R.G.S. (a foundation member) for meritorious service to the Society.

Special attention is drawn to the great help and encouragement given to the Society by Mr. R.W. Robson in kindly donating the publication "Pacific Islands Monthly", and for making space available in his widely read journal for reports on the Society's activities, courtesies which are greatly appreciated.

The Society acknowledges with thanks cash donations from Mrs. R.B. Baker of Wahroonga, and Mr. Phillip H. Cummings of Woodstock, Vermont, U.S.A. Thanks are also due to Mr. N.H. Foxcroft for the help so cheerfully given through the year, to Miss Ruby Trevitt for arranging a film evening, to Messrs. Hubert Sabben and Geoffrey Wilson for providing screens for use with slides and films, and to Mr. F.J. Salisbury for the use of his projector.

In conclusion I wish to thank the President and Members of the Council for their very valuable help in relieving me of my duties during my recent illness.

(Miss) M. M. McGann,

Hon. Secretary,

ADDENDUM BY THE PRESIDENT

I feel that members would like me to record our keen appreciation of and thanks to, the Society's Hon. Secretary, Miss M. M. McGann for her efforts under difficult circumstances, including a serious illness, during the year, and to the Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mrs. L.R. Trevor-Jones for her cheerful co-operation and assistance, especially in connection with the addressing of envelopes and the despatch of monthly circulars. To the Council and members generally I express my sincere thanks for their help and encouragement to me as President.

Charles A. Swinbourne,  
President.

THE PACIFIC ISLANDS SOCIETY

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure  
for the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1954.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
To Balance at 31 December, 1953:-		Accommodation:	
Bank of N.S.W.	43.15. 4	Social Gatherings	27.10. 0
Cash in hand	<u>- - -</u>	Council Meetings	2.12. 6
	43.15. 4		
" Subscriptions	82. 3. 6	Refreshments	50.11. 6
" Social Gatherings	51.13. 0	Postage, Telephone and General Expenses	32.12. 6
" Guessing Competitions	6.19. 2	Monthly Circulars	6.17.11
" Donations:-		Rent of G.P.O. Box	2. 0. 0
Mr. Phillip H. Cummings	2. 4. 3	Wines, Social Gatherings	7. 6. 6
Mrs. Ruth B. Baker	<u>10. 0</u>	Gratuity, Cocktail Party	1. 0. 0
	2.14. 3	Printing:-	
		Letter Heads	4.17.11
		Printed Envelopes	4.19. 3
		Invitation Cards	6. 3. 9
		Block	<u>1. 4. 3</u>
			17. 5. 2
		Cheque Book	10. 0
		Bank Fee	1. 0. 0
		Balance at 31st December, 1954:-	
		Cash in hand	- - -
		Bank of N.S.W.	<u>37.19. 2</u>
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	<u>£187. 5. 3</u>		<u>£187. 5. 3</u>

35, Campbell Street,  
Castlemaine,  
Victoria.

10-2-1955.

Dear Mr Hauke,

We left in such a hurry on our way to Melbourne that I quite forgot to take with me the Kerongoa tradition which you so kindly said I could borrow. Would it be too much to ask you to send it to me by registered mail — I shall willingly pay the cost when I see you on our return trip? If you have doubts about sending it by mail I could collect it when we see you and have it copied in bits.

I also forgot to get definite information about Hughes who has my copy of Mantake's Kamnetoa tradition. Perhaps you would be good enough to let me know of his whereabouts?

Margaret & I enjoyed our holiday in Adelaide. We, luckily, managed to get tickets for the Test, the outcome of which

was most satisfactory. We also called on the Blandys who were very glad to get news of the Paris Hebrides. Mr Blandy still seems to mistrust our Condominium Colleagues & seems unwilling to believe that honesty can possibly be a French attribute. Perhaps he is right — after all he had long experience —, but I must say I feel that mutual mistrust is a poor way to approach joint administration.

We now are settled with Margaret's parents in Castlemaine; both the children are attending school and I am lazing about, helping around the house & garden when required.

I have had news of much interest for you. Please excuse my hand writing; the index finger on my right hand is slightly infected & makes writing a little difficult.

With our best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Her Carr.

Dear Rossy,

Helen has very kindly let me know in advance via a personal letter of her intention to resign. This came as a complete surprise to me as it undoubtedly must have been to you.

Helen mentioned that she had of course discussed her position with you.

Her going will be a great handicap to you and a real loss.

She had a very heavy load to bear during your absence especially at the session where her performance was admirable in every way. She must be very tired and very much in need of a break after the long strain and I am wondering whether she is reacting so furiously because of fatigue. If this were so, it might be wise for her to take some leave and her decision might remain in suspense until her return.

As you know all the facts of the situation, I would be personally grateful if you could advise me on how to meet her letter. Is there anything that I can be

fact or done which might influence her to change her mind. Obviously there can be no question of declining to accept the resignation but there may be some possibility of changing the position especially if she has come to her present state of mind in the depths of despair.

Things are as busy here as they must be at Cremsone. With an exceedingly heavy teaching programme on your lands Helen's news must have seemed like the last straw. I had hoped to come over to Sydney for a talk but as Eric & Alex are both away and as I must visit Sina for conference preparations, I just cannot make it. If there are any matters I can help you on, please do not hesitate to call on me.

With kindest regards to Mrs Maude & family

Yours sincerely,

John Ryan

14th February, 1955.

Dear Reid,

Thank you for your letter of the 10th. I was wanting to write to you but did not know your address until it arrived.

I am sending the Karongoa material by registered mail. It should be all right, especially if I can insure it, as I shall if possible; but to put my mind at rest please let me know when you get it. Probably it will be best to return it on your way back.

When last heard of, and it was not so long ago, Hughes' address was as follows:-

34, Avenue Road,  
Highgate,  
London, N.6.

As I mentioned, he has plans to migrate to Australia in the near future, but I don't think he has left yet. If you find any difficulty in retrieving your manuscript from him let me know and I shall have a shot myself; I am confident that we should have no trouble as we have done a good deal for him in the past and he cannot very well afford to antagonise us.

I am also sending you the copy of Father Sabatier's Gilbertese-French dictionary that I told you about when you were up here. Bishop Terrienne is anxious to transform it into a Gilbertese-English dictionary and has asked us whether, if he does this, we would be willing to subsidize a printed edition.

I should be grateful if you would kindly examine the work and give your opinion as to its value, particularly in comparison with other dictionaries still in print; and also whether you think that there would be a demand for a printed edition of a Gilbertese-English version.

Blandy's departure from the New Hebrides scene was, in my opinion, long overdue. Personally I have found that the French are rather like other races: there are some you can trust and some you definitely cannot. Admittedly the higher ranks of the Civil Service seem to contain rather more of the latter class; I think owing to the

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CASTLEMAINE, Victoria.



chicanery one has to employ in rising. Also one has to recognize that they know in their hearts that they are now only a second or third class power and on the downgrade, and they resent this fact. But when one has said all this one still has to admit that Blandy did precious little to win their trust himself, since he suspected their every move.

I am glad you are enjoying your leave and hope you do not start to feel as ill as I usually do when I knock off work.

Honor and I have just been to a real capitalists' lunch party, given by the heads of all the big islands commercial interests to Garvey. I sat between Carpenter and Judy Tudor and Honor next to Burns and the head of the C.S.R. Never moved in such exalted circles before.

Yours sincerely,

*J. M.*

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

17th February, 1955.

*Dear Uncle,*

Honor meant to write and thank you for your letter last night but never got down to it, and now she finds that the mail has to be posted at the G.P.O. in the city within a few hours so she has asked me to write for her and the office will see it gets posted.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you again: it seems quite a long time since we last met. Honor will meet you at Mascot either in her own car or, if Jimmy Spark is going, then in his.

I don't know if you are all fixed up to stay anywhere: we shall be glad to have you if you would like to come to us; so if you would please let us know by cable. It is, of course, a long way from Sydney proper and you may prefer to stay at the Club or an hotel. Basha Govaars is staying with us at the moment but can be bedded down all right in my study, while you could have Alaric's room, he being at school.

I had better stop or this letter will miss the mail. Please forgive it being typed but it is easier to read that way.

With love from us both and it will be nice seeing you again.

*Yours ever,*

*J.R.M.*

Sir Carrick Robertson,  
"Rannoch",  
Almorah Road,  
Epsom,  
AUCKLAND, New Zealand.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

18th February, 1955.

Dear John,

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your sympathetic and helpful personal letter on Helen's impending resignation. I have often regretted that your idea of periodical visits by me to Noumea never materialized for sometimes the realities of a situation cannot be put into a formal memorandum and misunderstandings can occur which could be quickly cleared up by personal contact. A letter such as yours is the next best thing.

I can only write frankly if I write personally and not for the file. Even so I had to hold up this letter just as it was about to go off to you on Wednesday in order to delete all remarks concerning the attitude of the Commissioners at the last Session; though they are relevant enough to Helen's present state of mind. But in any case, they must have worried you as much as her.

In brief, Helen came back disillusioned after the last Session; for a variety of reasons. As you know, she does not work for the sake of her salary, but because she believes enthusiastically in the worthwhileness of what she is doing.

I am sanguine that I could have pulled Helen round in time by pointing out, as Eric Ojala did, that despite the fact that as individuals we may feel disappointed (or even perhaps disgusted), still the Commission work programme remains substantially intact; and it is a good programme which, if we all put our backs into it, could materially raise the conditions of life throughout the islands.

But the difficulty is that, rightly or wrongly, the story is going round (and it originates from high places) that this section is about to be moved to Noumea. I am quite aware of the formal position; that the Secretary-General is to prepare a report for consideration at the next Session; but surely the real facts of the situation are that the Conseil Général has raised a loan of fifteen million francs to commence building the necessary houses for us (and therefore facing the Session with a fait accompli) while it would seem that some at least of the Commissioners may have made up their minds in advance to agree to the French demands.

Mr. John Ryan,  
South Pacific Commission,  
NOUMEA, New Caledonia.

Sir Ronald Garvey mentioned to me only last week that he hoped the move would be pressed forward as quickly as possible, as he had a job which he wanted me to take over in Fiji.

If it were only Helen's resignation in question it would be bad enough, but actually it is the whole section which is breaking up owing to the imminence of the move to Noumea, and I can see no remedy. For example, Nancy Phelan was in here this morning to say that she may be resigning in the near future in order to accept a position on the staff of Unesco (at about £3000 p.a.).

In brief, members of the staff are, I suppose naturally enough, now looking around for alternative employment against the day when the move takes place, and when each finds what he or she wants we must expect a letter of resignation to follow, though in every case I think with genuine regret.

A further difficulty I am having is in finding new personnel to start anything since it seems probable to them that the section will soon cease to exist in any recognizable form, and this before their job can be completed. To quote one example, I had a really excellent person teed up to take over the women's interest project: but when she heard of the impending move she withdrew at once on the grounds that it would be wrong to raise hopes throughout the islands which cannot in the end be fulfilled.

All this is not meant to be a complaint, John; you and I do not make policy. It is merely an explanation of some of the reasons which I think have actuated Helen in tendering her resignation. It is certainly difficult to see what can be done about it, but I suggest you might reply informally to her informal letter (she has not resigned officially as yet, I understand) by expressing appreciation of her loyal, devoted and competent work for the Commission and adding your hope that, if she feels that she must resign, she should at least consider staying on for the remainder of the year, to enable us to find a successor: you could state with justice that this will be no easy task.

I think I can persuade Helen to agree to this, if she feels you want it (because she has a great regard for you) and really it is going to be an impossible task to try and keep the work programme under way with a staff of temporary makeshifts, none of whom will have the faintest conception of what they are doing. Once a decision to move to Noumea is formalized at the October Session we can commence at once to recruit the new Noumea staff (including my own successor). I take it that as so much of the section's work will no longer be possible the staff required can be cut down: an Executive Officer, one assistant and a co-operative adviser was what I had in mind, but we need not worry about that yet.

Please excuse this being typed but frankly my writing is not as legible as yours. Nonetheless I am treating your letter and this reply as confidential and neither of them will appear in the Commission files over here.

I agree about Helen's need for leave and have been endeavouring to persuade her to go for some time. Present plans are that she will work till the R.C. papers are prepared, attend the Co-ordination Meeting, and then take six weeks' to two months' leave in which she proposes to go to the Gilbert Islands. I think that she rather feels that she cannot face another Research Council meeting, though I shall be lost without her organizing (and diplomatic) abilities to support.

All the best to you and yours from us both, and I do hope that this letter will be of some help to you, just as yours was to me.

Yours sincerely,

*JLM*

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

21st February, 1955.

Dear Mrs. Brierley,

I was sorry to hear, from your letter of the 12th February, that you had not yet succeeded in finding a publisher for your manuscript on Australian aboriginal legends.

I well remember your sister mentioning this manuscript to me on the "Hector", and I rather rashly said that I would help you if I could. We have had some success in placing manuscripts on the Pacific islands with publishers, and particularly with the Oxford University Press.

Unfortunately you seem to have already approached all the publishing houses I had in mind. However, Miss Leeson, our Librarian, who knows much more about such matters than I do, suggests that it would be worthwhile trying:-

- (i) John Sands Pty. Ltd., 41 Druitt Street, Sydney
- (ii) Australasian Publishing Co. Pty. Ltd.,  
55 York Street, Sydney

Both of these firms apparently handle this type of work and are less frightened than most of coloured illustrations. Frankly, the cost of reproducing these is likely to make the book so expensive that it may not be a financial proposition to produce.

I wish I could do more than just suggest two further publishers. If it were a manuscript on Pacific legends I could subsidize it, but Australia lies outside the field of interest of the organization I work for.

My wife joins me in sending her kind regards to your sister and we both wish you every success with your manuscript, should you decide to have another try at placing it.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. B. Brierley,  
14 Albany Highway,  
ALBANY, W.A.

*Leeson*

Barcroft,  
14 Albany Highway,  
ALBANY,  
Western Australia.

12th February, 1955.

Dear Mr. Maude,

My sister Margaret told me of your interest in a collection of 23 Australian aboriginal legends which I am hoping to have published.

The manuscript has just been returned from the Periodicals Division of the West Australian Newspapers Ltd.. I am not sure this was the right place to submit it, though the Manager wrote that they would have handled it had they considered it a practical proposition. You see, there are twelve illustrations in watercolour that go with it, as well as some black and whites. These latter I could discard, but not the watercolours. They are beautiful.

I was trying to get this book published when my sister met you on board the "Hector" coming from Melbourne to Fremantle last year, and she said you very kindly offered to help me. I feel I am imposing on your time, but I would be most grateful for your advice.

The adventures of the manuscript up to date, are as follows. On the advice of an English friend, I wrote to the editor of John o' Lindon's Weekly, and through him contacted Messrs. B. T. Batsford Ltd. They did not think it possible to publish the book commercially in England. The Oxford University Press then sent an Airmail letter through their Melbourne branch asking to see the MS there, but finally came to the conclusion they could not accept it. Next, Angus & Robertson Ltd. Their readers "agree that it has qualities that recommend it for publication." But they already had a book of aboriginal legends on hand for publication, and felt also, that reproduction of the colour plates would be very costly. MacMillan & Co., Melbourne, liked it enough to send it to their London Office, and were disappointed when London considered the "Tales of the Nungars" would only find a market in Australia. The Melbourne Manager, Mr. E.A. Harber, wrote "I personally am very disappointed about this, for I like the book." And offered to pass it on to another publisher. So it went to Georgian House. Again production costs and fear

of a small demand decided them against it, though they wrote:  
"It is regrettable that such good work, both in narrative and  
illustration, cannot reach publication..."

And then I tried Newspaper House, Perth. They looked  
upon it as a book for children; with which point of view I  
cannot agree. It is more than that, for the "Tales of the  
Nungars" (Coastal Natives) are authentic legends of this dis-  
trict. They are the aboriginals' explanation of natural  
phenomena. They illustrate his rules for human behaviour.  
Their bird and animal lore is unfailingly correct.

May I send you a portion of the manuscript and a  
sample of the illustrations? Or, if you wish, the whole of  
it.

Margaret sends her kindest regards to you all.

Yours sincerely.

*Barbara Prierley.*



EDUCATION IN THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

The Secretary,

1. I have considered the report on the investigation made by Messrs. Huxley, Marsh and McCarthy entitled "Investigation under Sections 10 and 12 of the Public Service Ordinance into the Administration, Organisation and Methods of the Department of Education"; the two volumes of "Observations and Comments by the Director of Education" and the papers on File AR.818/1/6.

2. I may say at the outset that I am not particularly interested at present in the detailed criticism of the Department or in the Director's justification of his actions. My purpose is simply to try to select those tasks which the Government requires the Department of Education to do now and to lay down clearly and definitely that these tasks must be accomplished first.

3. The memorandum by the First Assistant Secretary at folios 40 and 41 of this file was especially helpful in suggesting a method by which the mass of paper before me might be converted into proposals for action. At paragraph 3 of that he says, in effect, that it is necessary to determine:

- (a) The objective of the Government.
- (b) The means to achieve these objectives.
- (c) The functional responsibilities of the Department of Education in this field.
- (d) Depending on the decisions under (a), (b) and (c) above, the changes to be made in the organisation and the staffing of the Department of Education.

4. Obviously no practical consideration can be given to (d) until decisions have been made on (a), (b) and (c). The papers before me are likely to be more useful in the preparation of proposals under (d) than in giving answers to (a), (b) and (c).

5. I cannot, however, approve the recommendation at folio 41 that I should accept the recommendation of the report on these matters, for I disagree with some of the statements about policy and objectives that are made in the report, particularly at page 3. Paragraph 4 amazes me by its narrowness.

6. There is a tendency apparent in all these papers to use words like "objectives" and "policy" with different meaning at different times. I think we need to distinguish between those statements which refer to the final aims and purposes of educational activity and those statements which refer to the actual measures to be undertaken by the Education Department. We need to recognise clearly the three different levels set out in 3(a), 3(b) and 3(c) above.

7. When we try to clear our minds on 3(a), "The objectives of the Government", we have to avoid a similar confusion between statements of over-all objectives (such as preparing the native peoples for the changes that are taking place and assisting them to adapt themselves to the new circumstances) and statements of immediate administrative purposes (such as improving their hygiene or adding to their technical skill). The first - the conception of the idea - is just as important as and certainly must precede the second - the devising of the means by which an idea is translated into action.

8. What are our over-all objectives? I find myself out of sympathy with the sort of observations which the Investigation Committee made in paragraph 3 and am unable to comprehend at all why they should describe such objectives as "mass literacy and blending of cultures" as being "completely indefinite". These two phrases carry an exact meaning to my mind and it seems to me that they call for close and careful examination at the start of any inquiry in order to determine whether these are two of the objectives which the Government should adopt. If we adopt the idea of "mass literacy" as one of our over-all objectives then we will see the way clear to working out an administrative plan to provide means by which every child will be taught to read and write. If we adopt "blending of cultures", then we will try to work out an educational system which will draw on the best elements in the native life as well as on selected elements in Western Civilisation. To reach an opinion on this we have to form a judgment on whether we want to make the Papuan people into "coloured Europeans"; or whether we want to make them into Papuans with their own distinctive culture, (including a distinctive language, laws, arts, social habit and custom and institutions). We will probably turn away from both of these paths, if for no other reason, because the history of culture contact raises substantial doubt whether, irrespective of what we may wish or not wish to see, either of those ends can be attained. The circumstances are such that the native can never become wholly European nor become wholly Papuan. There are bound to be enduring influences from both sides. In other words **the blending of cultures is inevitable.** The major task of education in Papua and New Guinea is surely to help make the eventual outcome of this blending of cultures give satisfaction to the individual native, lead to the growth of a Papuan community that has all the qualities of a sound social order, and leave goodwill and harmony between Papua and Australia.

9. The Investigation Committee also referred to the objective of the "advancement of the natives" as "vague and general". The phrase is one which, in the context of the United Nations Charter (Articles 73 and 76) is usually stated as "the political, economic, social and educational advancement" of the peoples concerned and, to my mind at least, it is so definite that, if adopted as an objective, it can at once be applied to mean that their education should be such as to enable them in time to take part in the management of their own political affairs, to engage in various sorts of economic activity and to manage their economic affairs, to change from the social habits and customs of a primitive society to those of a civilised society and to develop their primitive social organisation into a social organisation better suited to their changing political and economic circumstances; and to acquire

knowledge and understanding of themselves and the world about them beyond what they had as primitive villagers. We have to make up our minds on this point, too, for our decision will lay down the direction in which we are going. The other possibilities are to say that the objective of the Government is to keep the natives as far as possible as they are (in which case our educational activity will be limited to establishing native customs still more firmly), or to use the natives to serve some purpose of our own, in which case we will educate them (as we patiently and expertly educate horses - and most of those who teach horses in Australia seem to know far more about their job and are more highly expert at it than those who educate children), in certain skills and habits of obedience and docility. If we accept "the advancement of natives" we are not accepting something "vague" and "general" but we are deciding that the aim of the education shall be to give fuller scope to the individuality of each of them and to fit all of them for shaping the political, economic and social changes in which they are bound to take part. In fact, of course, the Australian Government, by reason of the ratification of the United Nations Charter by the Commonwealth Parliament, has adopted the policy of the "political, economic, social and educational advancement" of the peoples of Papua and New Guinea. That is most clearly one of our objectives.

10. I would not pretend to be able to speak with a full knowledge of all aspects of the educational problem, and therefore am not sure that I can state the objectives of the Government policy without omissions. It is clear to me, however, that these objectives include the following -

- (a) The political, economic, social and educational advancement of the peoples of Papua and New Guinea;
- (b) a blending of cultures;

and, in the absence of any indigenous body of religious faith, founded on native teaching or ritual,

- (c) the voluntary acceptance of Christianity by the native peoples.

11. In consequence of the acceptance of these objectives, we move to the acceptance of the following administrative purposes -

- (a) To achieve mass literacy, that is to say to attempt to teach all native children to read and write in a common language.
- (b) To show them the way, awaken their interest in, and assist their progress towards a higher material standard of living and towards a civilised mode of life.
- (c) To teach them what is necessary to enable them, step by step as changes take place in the native communities in which they live, to manage their own political affairs, to engage in economic activities to sustain a higher material standard of living, to adopt the practices of civilisation in regard to social habit and custom and their daily mode of life, and to develop and express their own personalities.

- (d) To retain what is best in native life and to blend it with the influences of Western Civilisation so that, while gaining the advantages of Western Civilisation, they will not lose their proper pride in the fact that they have an identity as Papuans and so that, when, in the generations to come, they may be required to manage their own affairs to a greater degree, they may feel a common bond among themselves as a people.
- (e) To replace paganism by the acceptance of the Christian faith and the ritual of primitive life by the practice of religion.
- (f) As a consequence of the foregoing, to strengthen the bonds of respect, mutual interest and loyalty to one another between Papua and New Guinea on the one hand and Australia on the other.

12. It may be that I have overlooked some considerations which may make it desirable to add to or modify the statement of over-all objectives and the consequential administrative purposes which I have sketched in paragraphs 10 and 11 above. Assuming that those statements are reasonably complete, however, we now have to consider the broad means of achieving the objectives.

13. It is obvious that the question concerns the whole of administrative activity. The Departments of Native Affairs, Health, Agriculture, Lands and many others will have to advance this policy as well as the Department of Education. Indeed educational activity, in the meaning attached to it above, is the concern of the whole Administration. Therefore, before we consider the particular phases of the task to be undertaken by the Department of Education it is necessary to consider two other points. The first is the need to ensure the closest possible relationship between the Department of Education and the other departments of the Administration both in regard to what they are trying to do and the pace at which they are doing it. This is primarily the responsibility of the Administrator and I assume that such devices as are already employed by him (such as conferences of heads of departments and of District Commissioners) and his own tours of inspection are sufficient for the discharge of that duty. If they are not it is for the Administrator to develop whatever machinery he requires. He is to ensure (a) that the Director of Education administers his Department in such a way as to conform to the policies being applied in other departments and that these other departments, by their work in their own fields, reinforce the work of the Department of Education and (b) that, in various parts of the Territory, a close relationship is kept between the pace of progress in the various phases of administration. For example the point in time at which the Education Department embarks on teaching hygiene should coincide with the point of time at which the Health Department is doing parallel work, and similarly political education goes step by step with the work being done by the Department of District Services. The second point is that there is an obvious need for a good deal of flexibility both in the curricula and teaching methods adopted by the Education Department and in their application in various parts of the Territory. What is done by the Education Department must be constantly and carefully adjusted to go hand in hand with the changes that are actually taking place in various parts of the Territory and must pay regard to the fact that these changes are not occurring

uniformly throughout the Territory. I don't think a school at Hanusbada has, at this moment of time, exactly the same task as a school at Telefomin would have.

14. Looking more narrowly to the means by which the Department of Education will achieve the objectives, I think that the distinctive nature of its work (as contrasted with the work of, say, the Department of Native Affairs or the Department of Lands) is the conducting of schools. There are other activities in which a Department of Education might usefully engage, but, having regard both to the nature of the present situation and the limits of our capacity to do everything at once, I think that in the immediate future the main work of the Education Department should be to make it possible for more children to go to school and ensure that they do so. The first need is primary education. There can be no higher education without primary education. The first requirement for primary education and for administrative success in other fields is a means of communication. While I do not propose to issue any direction against the use of "pidgin" or against the use of selected native languages for teaching purposes, I propose to confirm what has been laid down before that the goal of primary education should be literacy in English. As indicated above my interpretation of the objective of "mass literacy" means ability to read and write a common language. That common language is to be English. I set the goal and the Administrator and the Education Department, in co-operation with the Missions, are to work out the best means of reaching it as early as possible. That is their first target.

15. Next to teaching reading and writing to establish a means of communication, I think the most urgent need in the primary schools in the "new areas" is to reinforce what other departments are doing to improve hygiene, to ensure the understanding and co-operation of the native peoples in what we are trying to do to establish law and order and to combat disease, and to teach them to grow better food and use it more wisely, to improve their houses and to overcome social customs which hold a primitive people in a primitive condition. The contribution which an Education Department makes, as distinct from other departments engaged in the same tasks, is to introduce the idea of these changes into the minds of a new generation.

16. Those are the basic and immediate needs over the greater part of the Territory. Beyond them, there is also a need for instruction in the use of the tools, materials and methods by which these material improvements will take place. In the immediate present at least, over a great part of the Territory, I think that this "technical" education has to be carefully adjusted to go side by side with the changes which are being brought about in the minds of the natives. At present I would not myself place much emphasis on technical training solely for the purpose of increasing our work force or for the purpose of enabling a native to gain a higher wage for himself. It should be regarded rather as a means of enabling him, as an individual, to do those things and to make that progress which his primary education has revealed to him to be possible. I find myself in general agreement with paragraphs 114 to 132 of the Investigation Committee's report.

17. Because the Christian missions do in fact provide a large proportion of the primary schools in operation and because the teaching of religion - and in our case this means Christianity - appears to me to be an essential in

the progress of a pagan and primitive people, it is apparent that the work of mission schools is an essential and important part of the means for achieving our educational objectives. I agree, in general principles, with the recommendations of the Investigation Committee in paragraph 111 but also think that, beyond the matters there discussed, there lie deeper problems of the relationship between the Department of Education and the Missions. These will have to receive very careful attention but for the time being I do not propose to embark on them. The policy of financial aid by the Government for mission schools teaching at a required standard has already been established.

18. For the performance of these tasks, I recognise the great need for teachers, both European and native. I also recognise the special value of a corps of native teachers, but, from observation, I also know that it is quite useless to send native teachers out to primary schools unless they are soundly trained and that it is also necessary to take exceptional measures to see that, over the years, they are kept up to the mark.

19. The foregoing observations, which are intended to apply to the big mass of school-age natives, must of course be modified by reason of the unevenness of the progress of education. Where, in fact, some native schools have reached a point at which my remarks become inapplicable an exception will have to be made.

20. I am not prepared at this stage to approve formally of the recommendations by the Investigation Committee at paragraph 144, although I do not wish it to be thought that I wholly disagree with those recommendations. At this stage I prefer to set out the immediate tasks of the Education Department as follows:-

- (a) First attention to be given to primary schools with the goal of teaching all children in controlled areas to read and write in English.
- (b) For the above purpose,
  - (i) efforts to be made to ensure the co-operation of the Christian missions, and
  - (ii) special attention to be given to teacher training.
- (c) Manual training and technical training to be developed both in conjunction with the primary schools and in special schools in response to the developing needs of the people.

The fixing of these three tasks means that they are selected as being the first in order of time and that the Department of Education is required to do them well before it shoulders other tasks. The laying down of these tasks does not exclude other phases of educational activity and does not diminish in any way the importance of the over-all objectives set out in paragraphs 10 and 11 above.

21. I do not offer any observations on the precise means by which these tasks will be accomplished or on any matter relating to the organisation of the Education Department. I have tried to make clear -

(a) the Government's objectives, and  
(b) the particular job that the Government wants to  
be done immediately.

I shall be glad to receive a further submission on the way  
the Government's wishes are to be turned into a programme of  
action.

22. Please communicate this memorandum, in full, as  
written, to the Administrator, the Public Service Commissioner  
and the Director of Education.

(Minister)  
24.2.55

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DR. RALPH CLAIRON BEDELL  
SECRETARY-GENERAL  
SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION  
NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA

March 5, 1955

Mr. H. E. Maude  
26 Lower Boyle Street  
CREMORNE, N.S.W.,  
Australia



Dear Mr. Maude:

Your most cordial letter arrived as I was being sworn into office, and it added much warmth to a day that was well filled with assurances of good wishes from representatives of all six governments. Even at this distance I feel the genuine support that all of us can give each other in our respective tasks, and both Mrs. Bedell and I look forward with pleasure to the opportunity to meet you and your family.

Your plans for Saturday and Sunday, April 9 and 10 are splendid and we are pleased to accept. The cocktail party on the evening of the 9th and the lunch and afternoon drive on the 10th will give us an opportunity to meet both people and places that we very much want to see. The cocktail party may be either formal or informal as you wish.

I trust that you will have had a profitable trip to the Solomon Islands and New Guinea by the time you receive this. I am sending a carbon copy to Mr. Stuzzi so that he will be aware of our plans in advance of your return.

With my very best wishes and highest regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Ralph Claron Bedell*

*Esleech*

*Fidelity Union Store*



26 Lower Boyle Street,  
CREMORNE, N.S.W.,  
Australia.

25th February, 1955.

Dear Dr. Bedell,

Mr. Frank Stuzzi, our Sydney Officer, tells me that you will be staying here over the Easter weekend and that he is fixing up your schedule of appointments which will, I expect, be quite a tight one by the time you arrive.

We are proposing to have a more or less formal cocktail party at 6 p.m. on Saturday the 9th April, at which you can meet some of the people in Sydney who either work for, or are interested in, the Commission.

On Easter Sunday, however, I understand that you have so far no engagements, and my wife and I are wondering if you would like us to pick you up say after lunch and take you for an afternoon drive of the beaches and other points of interest. We can have a picnic afternoon tea somewhere or other and perhaps you would have dinner with us at home?

Mr. Stuzzi assures me that he has no other plans for this day so we feel encouraged to ask you if you would care to relax for a few hours: the rest of your stay, with the exception of Good Friday, may be reasonably strenuous.

I leave for New Guinea and the Solomon Islands tomorrow but will be back, I hope, well before you arrive.

I should like to take this opportunity of wishing you a most successful and happy term of office as Secretary-General. We are all very glad that you have found it possible to visit Sydney en route to Noumea, as it will enable us who work here to meet you personally earlier than we had anticipated.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

Dr. Ralph C. Bedell,  
c/o Mr. R.R. Robbins,  
Department of State,  
WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
HONIARA,  
BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS  
PROTECTORATE.

23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Dear Mr. Naudé.

We are just back from  
a farewell tour of the Solomons &  
have found you very welcome  
gilt awaiting us. It really was  
most kind of you & all three of  
us are absolutely delighted to  
have a copy of our own.  
Please accept our very grateful  
thanks.

Life seems to have been  
very hectic since you were  
here. The Gilberts tour was a  
great success but very strenuous.  
We ran into really bad weather  
between here & Ocean. & by file

mishchance all subdued food  
position in Tarawa. (we left  
30 people laid low). I am  
afraid all this rather coloured  
our views of the hip. Mr. Flaxman  
as you probably know had to  
be flown out in an emergency  
operation so it really was rather  
a chapter of accidents.

The Solomons hip was more  
successful. We had wonderful  
weather & everything did go  
according to plan. I rather  
have those long drawn out  
farewells + I don't think we  
are any of us looking forward  
to the next few weeks.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
HONIARA,  
BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS  
PROTECTORATE.

We are leaving on the next  
Auliana about the 4<sup>th</sup> July  
but there is a prospect of her  
leaving a little earlier & it  
may be the end of June.  
We are hoping to have about  
6-7 weeks in Australia which  
will be rather nice. I am  
now looking forward to  
seeing Melbourne & Perth.

With very many thanks

Yours sincerely,

Ursula Stanley

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26th April, 1955.

*Dear Kingsley,*

I was very pleased to read in your letter of the 7th April that I am not after all completely superfluous to establishment in this world, as I had imagined.

As a matter of fact Sir Ronald did mention the possibility of my taking over as Registrar when he passed through Sydney en route to the United Kingdom.

I think that, as you suggest, the best thing is for me to talk over the business with you when we meet in Noumea. One point which perhaps you could let me know then is whether my salary would be in addition to my pension from the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony or whether I should be regarded as on secondment, or what.

The Brewster manuscript sounds interesting and we are all most grateful to you for sending it along. We scan the mails daily for its advent. ✓

Winter is upon us and the wind rattles through my old bones.

*Yours ever,*

*John*

G. Kingsley Roth, Esq., O.B.E.,  
Secretary for Fijian Affairs,  
Fijian Office,  
SUVA, Fiji.

PERSONAL.

Secretary for Fiji  
SUVA.

Dear Harry,

7 April

The last time we met we discussed among other things your future. I believe you said that you regarded yourself as still a Member of the Oversea Civil Service and that as you were quite a young man you felt that you should perhaps enquire from the S. of S. what he thought of doing with you in the future since you considered that he could not expect you to be allowed to continue indefinitely in a position of secondment as you were at present time. We searched our minds for a possible niche for you in the Pacific area and our search appeared to be fruitless, after which I seem to remember having another drink.

You may or may not know that last year an Administrative Officer Grade I - A.C. Reid (whose record you could turn up in the Colonial Office List if you wished) - was appointed to be Registrar of Co-operative Societies, more particularly because the initial venture of this Government into the sponsorship of co-operatives had been blemished because a brilliant Fijian, Ravuama Vunivalu, B.A. (later did post-graduate work at John's, Cambridge) had run amok financially with the job to which he was appointed, i.e. Assistant Registrar of Co-operatives, and it was hoped that a man of Reid's calibre and capabilities would entice more Fijians to the point of view that there was in fact lots of good in the movement, and that much of it fitted in to their traditional way of life. For your own purely personal information Reid is much more keen on Fijian Affairs

and I believe he is not very keen on continuing with his co-operative work, to which is perhaps going to be added credit unions (up with which he will not put). We are also desperately short of Administrative Officers, more particularly the more senior men and I believe he has asked Sir Ronald to be relieved of his co-operative job and returned to Administration in one or other branches of it. So much for that: and I should be very glad to see him back in Administration though, when I broached this to Sir Ronald he was rather loath to make a change so early in the piece after having put Reid into Co-operatives. I asked him whether he had thought of asking you whether you were likely to be interested. He had not thought of that but he agreed that ~~made~~ spells Co-operatives. I did get his unofficial approval that I might write and spill the beans to you in a personal way. Well, I have now done so. Most Heads of Departments now get £2,000 p.a. and that is the salary of the Co-ops. post. It will appear low

to you after your existing emoluments, no doubt, but at any rate, Harry, I have put up the proposition to you and it is now over to you. There is no urgency and we can perhaps talk about it, if the thing interests you in the remotest degree, at the meeting at Noumea. Reid is at present on leave. So is Sir Ronald. So I wish I were.

Another matter. I am sending you by surface mail a typescript written about 30 years ago by A.B. Brewster, who handed it to me about 20 years ago. I deposited the original at the Cambridge University Museum of Arch. and Eth. & that which I send you is the duplicate. It deals with the early histories of some of the inland peoples of Viti Levu but how reliable it is for publication or reference I am unable to say. Perhaps we can discuss its prognosis at the your convenience at Noumea.

With our love to you both,  
 Yours ever,  
 Kingsley

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P.M.S.

2nd April, 1955.

Dear Kennedy,

It was good to hear from you again and find you ever resilient and about to build a home off Kandavu. Also many thanks for the reprints: I know both of them but am glad to have separates for my ever-growing library.

I agree with you that it is a major feat to obtain financial sponsorship for anthropological field work these days: so many are trying and the funds available will not nearly go round.

I should say that the most likely body to subsidize a series of lectures on land tenure would be the Department of Anthropology at Auckland University College: why not write to Professor Piddington? I'll also fossick around among contacts and will let you know if anything comes of my enquiries.

I have been hoping for some time that you will write a book on your experiences: I think there would be no difficulty about finding a publisher but whether or not it would make you any money would depend on how it was written. The more scientific type of work brings in next to nothing (say £50) but on the other hand I believe that Grimble made well over £50,000 from his effort.

Life goes on as hecticly as ever in the international show, and I am looking forward to retirement before long and settling down in or around Auckland.

With all the best from us both,

Yours sincerely,



H. E. Maude.

Donald Kennedy, Esq.,  
c/o Bank of New Zealand,  
SUVA, Fiji.



Box 5254 G.P.O.,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.,  
Australia.

2nd May, 1955.

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

I am afraid that Mr. Leembruggen was unable to shed any light on the Christmas Island postmark.

He pointed out that throughout his period of service on Fanning Island all postal arrangements were in the hands of Cable and Wireless, Ltd. I believe that they used New Zealand stamps.

Perhaps you might strike oil if you wrote to the Cables and Wireless, Ltd., Sydney headquarters. Another lead would seem to be Mr. Garrett, who was manager on Washington Island (for Fanning Island Plantations, Ltd.) at the time. He is now, I understand, in New Guinea, and could be located through the Sydney head office of Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

Mr. W.R.W. Hopkins,  
40 Ditten Court Road,  
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA,  
England.

53 Barreva St  
Southwell  
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Dear Mr. Maule,

I am sorry I know  
nothing about the case of the  
pen-cancelled envelope.

During my com. at Ft.  
the postal work was handled  
by the cable people.

With my kind regards  
to you all.

Yours sincerely  
"Leunfrylla"

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There's  
another  
mystery!

18th April, 1955.

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

I was interested in receiving your letter of the 29th March on the subject of the Washington Island postmark, but I am afraid that I cannot admit to being responsible for it as I find from looking through a copy of the Civil List that my first visit to the Line Islands was in 1939.

I see from the same source that Mr. E.L. Leembruggen was in charge of the Line Islands district from the 18th June, 1936, to the 27th February, 1939, and as he has retired here in Sydney I will ask him if he can shed any light on the subject.

I shall let you know in due course if anything eventuates as a result of my enquiry.

Yours sincerely,



H. E. Maude.

William R.G. Hopkins, Esq.,  
The Ash Grove,  
40 Ditton Court Road,  
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA,  
England.



THE ASH GROVE

40 DITTON COURT ROAD

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA

United Kingdom

29<sup>th</sup> March, 1955.

H.E. Maude, Esq.  
 c/o, Box 5254 G.P.O.,  
 Sydney, Australia.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Re: Washington D.C. M.S. cover.

I was very glad to receive your aerogramme to-day and now enclose two further photographs of this cover, and the writing is very much like yours, particularly when matched with the phrase M.S.S. of yours.

If the writing is yours, would you please confirm by a brief note on the back of the post-card -

signed & dated. This is an interesting  
postal history item I wish to add  
it to my collection - was some size.  
I am also aware that such a  
confirmation should not go  
unrecorded.

Return via mail package  
enclosed.

With many thanks  
Yours very sincerely  
William R. Hopkins

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P.S. This even was pencilled  
13 months before your effort at  
the Phoenix Islands.

18th April, 1955.

Dear Mr. Leembruggen,

I am forwarding herewith a copy of a letter, with enclosures, from a well-known specialist on the stamps of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, together with a copy of my reply.

It is just possible that you may be able to throw some light on who pen-cancelled the envelope and under what circumstances. If you can I know Mr. Hopkins would be most grateful for he has been trying to find out this information for some years now: I have had several letters myself from him on the subject, though this is the first time that he has actually sent me photos of the envelope itself.

Hoping that all goes well with you and your family,

Yours sincerely,



H. E. Maude.

E. L. Leembruggen, Esq.,  
53 Bareena Street,  
STRATHFIELD, N.S.W.

Box 5254, G.P.O.,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.,  
Australia

23rd March, 1955

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

I found your letter of the 27th February waiting here for me on my return from a visit to the Solomon Islands.

I am afraid that I can find no trace of the previous letter which you refer to. Probably it arrived while I was in England on leave last year and somehow got mislaid. My secretary is now gone to Europe herself so I cannot question her.

I have no recollection of cancelling an envelope on Washington Island at any time. As far as I can recollect I was only on Washington twice in my life and on neither occasion for more than a few hours. I would need to see a photostat of the envelope to give an opinion as to who cancelled it and why.

The only times I can remember cancelling stamps in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, other than with the official frank, were on Hull (Orona), Sydney (Manra) and Gardner (Nikumaroro) and once on Christmas Island, when we used the old plantation company's rubber seal.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

Mr. W.R.W. Hopkins,  
40 Ditten Court Road,  
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA,  
England.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

William H. Hopkins.

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P.S. I much enjoyed your article  
in the 'Journal' about the  
Phoenix Group.

H.E. Maudsley Esq

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Dear Mr. M

wrote to you  
about a bit  
which I hope  
by yourself  
you called '  
Voyages for  
Islands Set'  
You saw  
I believe  
confirm so  
G.H.C.'s



25, WILLYARD AVENUE,  
WANROONA, N.S.W.  
(02) 322211

January 3rd 1955.

H. E. Maud Esq.,  
South Pacific Commission  
G.P.O. Box 5254  
Sydney.

Dear Mr Maud,

Thanks for your letter of December 29th giving possible avenues of enquiry regards the vessels "Ramadi" and "Belama" which used to belong to the Government of the British Solomon Islands.

If you can pick any holes in "Christmas Island and its Postal History" I hope you will not fail to let us know. Thus we learn!

I hope you had a good time on your holiday. With kind regards and good wishes for 1955 to you and Mrs Maude

Sincerely yours



Harry S. Porter

29th December, 1954.

Dear Mr. Porter,

I am sorry not to have replied before to your letter of the 4th June but I have been away on a long vacation.

A thorough search has been made both by Miss Leeson and myself for the three dates you seek but without any success. I suggest, however, that you might be able to obtain them by:-

- (i) searching through the files of the "Western Pacific High Commission Gazette", of which copies should be available on application to Mr. Terry of the Island Agencies Department of Messrs. Burns, Philp & Co., Ltd.;
- (ii) addressing an enquiry to Mr. F.E. Johnson, Treasurer of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate when the "Belama" and "Ramadi" were in service and now living in Sydney (his address is known to Mr. Terry);
- (iii) writing to Miss Dorothy Crozier, Archivist to the Fiji and Western Pacific High Commission, at Suva, Fiji, who would almost certainly know; or
- (iv) writing to the Chief Secretary, Western Pacific High Commission, Honiara, British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

I have recently purchased a copy of your "Christmas Island and its Postal History" and found it most interesting.

Yours sincerely,



H. E. Maude.

H.S. Porter, Esq.,  
26, Billyard Avenue,  
WAHROONGA, N.S.W.

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Any suggestions?  
H.S. 16/6

10, ARLY STREET AVENUE,  
HARBOUR, N.S.W.  
MELB. 3. W.C.C.L.

June 4th 1954.

RECEIVED  
7 JUN 1954  
2334  
Ans'd. ....

H. E. Maude Esq.,  
2 Netherby St  
Wahroonga.

Dear Mr Maude,

You may remember me as the man with a curiosity regarding Christmas Island, and the postal arrangements there. The Pacific Islands Study Circle of the Royal Sydney Philatelic Club finally wrote the subject up and it was published in pamphlet form last year.

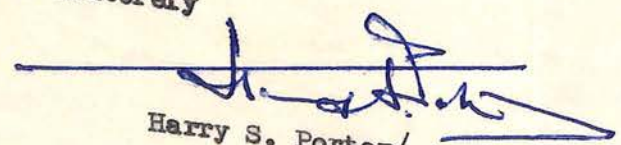
We have lately come across a puzzle regarding the postal arrangements in the British Solomon Islands. Apparently the Government bought a yacht called the "Belama", which was wrecked in 1921. A few years later they purchased a steamer called the "Ramadi" to replace her. We are endeavouring to find out the date of purchase and the date of the wreck of H.M.G.Y. "Belama" and the date of arrival in the Solomons of H.M.C.S. "Ramadi".

I have looked through what Annual Reports of the Solomon Islands exist in the Mitchell and Public Libraries in Sydney and the Public Library in Melbourne, but they are incomplete (even when combined) and fail to give the above information.

Possibly your office has the missing Reports, which would give the data - if not, perhaps you could suggest a means of getting it.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

  
Harry S. Porter,

Ramadi  
transp. to Fiji about 1930

25th August, 1953

Dear Mr. Porter,

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

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

25, TILLYARD AVENUE,  
WAHROONGA, N.S.W.  
AUSTRALIA.

August 19th 1953.

Miss Leeson,  
Mayfair  
Heberek Holbrook Av:  
Kirribilli.

Dear Miss Leeson,

I am a member of the Pacific Islands Circle of the Royal Sydney Philatelic Club and I am wondering whether you can help us with advice over a certain matter?

We are making enquiries into the circumstances under which certain local stamps were used at Christmas Island (Central Pacific) during the period 1917/38.

Our information is that Lever's Pacific Plantations Ltd were given a lease of 99 years from the British Government to exploit copra on the island. In 1913 Lever's transferred this lease to a M. Emile Rougier, who formed a Company in London called Central Pacific Coconut Plantations Ltd. In the Mitchell Library is a book, written by Rougier, designed to attract persons to colonize Christmas Island. Probably owing to the World War, nothing appears to have been done until 1918, when a party landed. Among other things, Rougier had stamps printed for his new colony, and it would seem that these were used for a local postal service in early 1918.

For reasons which we want to discover, the colonists all left, in the middle of 1918, except for three men, who were to be picked up within 40 days. One of these men was an American citizen, paradoxically named Joseph B. English, the other two were Tahitians.


The party was on the island until October 1919, when they were rescued by H.M.S. "New Zealand", with Admiral and Lady Jellicoe on board. The three men were taken to Fanning Island; and a cable from there appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald of 27.10.19. giving an account of English's experiences. We have also received from the Turnbull Library at Wellington, an account of the rescue, which is in a book, giving the story of the cruise, of the "New Zealand", - specially printed as a souvenir for Lady Jellicoe.

I may mention that although the Central Pacific Coconut Plantations Ltd was an English Company, yet Rougier, the Managing Director, was a Frenchman and had his headquarters and base of operations at Tahiti. We understand that he had a curious career and was a Roman Catholic priest.

The reason for my writing is that I think that you visited Tahiti some years ago and collected a great deal of information on the history of the Pacific for the Mitchell Library. It has occurred to me that you might know something about the Christmas Island colonization scheme, or else be able to place us in touch with someone who might have the information?

Trusting you will kindly help us,

Yours faithfully



Harry S. Porter.

**Paquet**



Mr. G. P. Cutress,  
17, Rosedale Road,  
Stoneleigh Park.  
Ewell, Surrey. Eng.

*Handwritten notes in cursive script, including the phrase 'Factor of principal...' and other illegible text.*



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WASHINGTON IS  
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ASK YOUR POSTMASTER

rk,

urrey, Eng.

10th June, 1955.

Dear Dr. Levelt,

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to my wife and myself to drinks at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th June. We shall be delighted to come.

I have also passed on your invitation to Mr. & Mrs. Pearce and Dix, all of whom will be very glad to accept.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

*J.L.M.*

Dr. H.J. Levelt,  
Senior Commissioner for the Netherlands  
to the South Pacific Commission,  
Kembla Building,  
Margaret Street,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.



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

13th June, 1955.

Dear Miss Wood,

I feel it a great honour that you should kindly invite me to speak to the children at the Margaret Reid School about the Pacific Islands and the people who live in them.

Unfortunately, however, I must perforce decline since, more particularly during the middle of the year, I never know from week to week whether I shall be in Australia or in one of the islands you would like me to talk about.

I am leaving Australia this week and shall not be back until July, and during the rest of that month I am reasonably certain of being in Sydney, owing to the piles of arrears of work that will have accumulated during my absence.

But present plans are to visit Netherlands New Guinea during August, and while these may not materialize I can't well guarantee to be in this country on any particular date.

However, if it is any consolation, I would point out that you have not missed much, for I am a lousy speaker at the best of times, and quite unable to talk to children, who terrify me. The nature of my work causes my diction to be polysyllabic, and for the most part unintelligible to the young and, being of a nervous temperament, I have to write out everything which I am to say and learn it off by heart.

In brief, the children of Margaret Reid are really very lucky I can't come.

Yours sincerely,

*J.E.M.*

Miss M.D. Wood,  
Margaret Reid Hospital,  
Mona Vale Road,  
ST. Ives, N.S.W.



Margaret Reid Hospital SCHOOL  
 Mona Vale Rd., St. Ives  
 6. 6. 1953.

Mr. H. E. Maude, O. B. E.  
 21 Ketherby St.,  
 Wahroonga.

Dear Sir,

Education Week will be held during the week commencing on Sunday, 14th August, 1953.

We would be very pleased if you could come and tell the children of Margaret Reid something of the Pacific Islands and their people.

Would 1. 30 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th August be a convenient time for you?

If you cannot manage then but are free at some other time a date would you let me know please.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Marjorie S. Wood.

R. S. V. P. by 20th June, 1953.

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

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*J.E.M.*

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Margaret Reid Hospital,  
Mona Vale Road,  
ST. Ives, N.S.W.

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

15th July, 1955.

Dear Mr. Wallis,

Thank you for your invitation  
to dine at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron  
on Tuesday next to meet Sir Robert Stanley  
and to discuss your films and recordings.  
I shall be very glad to come.

Yours sincerely,

*JLM*

N.K. Wallis, Esq.,  
"Trees",  
Plateau Road,  
AVALON BEACH, N.S.W.

N. K. WALLIS  
XW 9265

*"Trees"*

*Plateau Road,*

*Avalon Beach*

12th July 1955

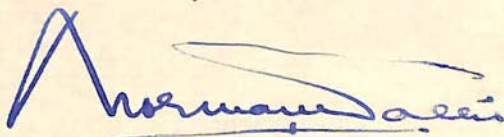
H.E. Maude Esq  
South Pacific Commission  
Box 5254 = GPO

Dear Mr. Maude,

Further to my telephoned advice I now have pleasure in confirming my invitation to you to dine at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron on Tuesday next to meet Sir Robert Stanley and discuss my films and recordings. I shall be very happy if you are able to come along.

I suggest that "black tie" will be appropriate and the time: 6.30 for 7 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Norman Allen". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'N' and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

20-7-55

Dear Harry,

We are in a strong rush to get the mail out for this airplane and there is not enough time to type my reply to your excellent memo on the location of the Social Development Section. I can say briefly that I have no serious disagreement with your proposal. I do want to explore them in detail and especially to go into the Literature Bureau and the Visual Aids program. I have sent to Stuyves today the best estimate I have of my travel in

Australia and have asked him to inform  
you.

I hope during the week of ~~the~~  
first August to discuss these matters  
with you and your staff and  
reach our conclusions on them.

I am looking forward to seeing  
you. It is always pleasant to  
be in your company

Cordially,

Ralph Clifton Bedell



22nd July, 1955.

Dear Sir Robert,

My wife and I were looking forward to paying our respects to Lady Stanley, Phillida and yourself on your way through Sydney, and perhaps to being able to persuade you to visit us in our remote North Shore suburb.

However, as I expect Mr. Wallis told you when you had dinner with him on the 19th, the fates were against us. My son went down with gastric flu last week and my wife got bronchitis on Sunday, so I perforce had to throw in everything and turn nursemaid and cook. I am still such but hope that the position will take a turn for the better before very long.

Dr. Bedell, the new Secretary-General of the Commission, was anxious that I should convey to you his appreciation for all the support and help which you have afforded the Commission and to extend his best wishes for the future.

May I add my personal good wishes and my thanks for the very pleasant time I had with you in Honiara? I do hope that you will have a happy and busy retirement and that you will not soon forget the Pacific Islands. Incidentally I retire myself in a few months' time.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Robert Stanley, K.B.E.,  
c/o The Menzies Hotel,  
Burke Street,  
MELBOURNE, Vic.



PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

25th July, 1955.

Dear Vaskess,

I was very glad to get your letter No. S.P.C.12/1/4 of the 29th June, and to learn that the pensionable emoluments of my substantive position in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony have been increased.

I do not think, however, that you need worry about Commission reactions to having to pay an increased pension contribution because in any case I shall be retiring from the Commission service as soon as I can be released. I should hope certainly before the next Commission budget comes into operation.

On the 10th August, 1953, I handed a letter to the Secretary-General asking for permission to retire from the Commission service (a copy is enclosed herewith).

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Sir Brian persuaded me to withdraw this application and to stay on at least until his own retirement. When he passed through Sydney early this year I again approached him and asked to be allowed to retire either immediately or on the arrival of the new Secretary-General. Sir Brian, however, considered that such precipitate action might prove embarrassing in the first place to the Acting Secretary-General, Mr. Ryan, and in the second to the newly arrived Secretary-General, Dr. Bedell: so again I procrastinated.

But now that the Secretary-General has been in harness for several months I consider that I can in all fairness ask for permission to retire and I propose to do so in the course of the next few days.

H.H. Vaskess, Esq., C.M.G., O.B.E.,  
c/o Government House Offices,  
SUVA, Fiji.

To enable me to retire from the Commission I must first retire from the Colonial Service, so I am giving the necessary six months' notice to the Chief Secretary in Honiara forthwith. So I should be on leave prior to final retirement in January next (they owe me well over a year's leave).

In August, 1954, I spoke to Sir Thomas Lloyd, the Permanent Under-Secretary of State, about my plans and told him that I intended to retire from the Colonial Service and the Commission in about a year from then. He raised no objection and said that he would write on my personal file to the effect that I should be retiring on pension about the end of this year, unless notified by the Colonial Office in the interim that I was wanted for some other job. They have not so notified me so I am free to go.

Of course, I realize that the Commissioners could, in theory, at least, hold me to work out the remaining 18 months of my contract but that they would do this I regard (and so does everyone else, including Commissioners, who I have spoken to) as unthinkable. As I have been wanting to leave since August, 1953, I feel that by abstaining from doing so to suit the Commission's convenience for over two years I have fulfilled any obligation that I owe to them and should now be allowed to depart in peace. In any case the forthcoming move of the Social Development section to Noumea makes my further employment with the Commission out of the question, as I am sure you will agree.

The only point at issue, therefore, is the payment of the increased pension contribution from the 1st January, 1955 (or conceivably, according to your letter, from a slightly earlier date) to the date on which I finally leave the Commission (say the 31st December, 1955).

I believe that the Commission will, in fact, pay this extra amount, firstly because it is not large (and will cease altogether on my retirement) and secondly because they have already done this once, i.e. from the 1st January, 1950, when my substantive emoluments as Resident Commissioner were raised from £F.1700 to £F.2100 (see the letter dated the 18th April, 1952, from the Acting Chief Secretary, Western Pacific High Commission, to the Secretary-General, of which I enclose a copy). You do not mention this, possibly because it did not go through you but direct from the High Commission, but I feel that it is really important as it creates a precedent which surely the Commissioners cannot go back on at this late stage. I suggest that you could make much of this precedent in any correspondence as well as at the Commission Session itself.

In the unlikely event of the Commission refusing to pay the increased pension contribution it would seem to fall on the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony to make up the difference. But I should hope that in that event the United Kingdom Commissioners would insist on my immediate retirement from the Commission staff without any further ado. If neither the Commission nor the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony will pay up then I shall do so myself.

What I do anticipate is that at the next Session the Commissioners will decide on my successor and that unless the United Kingdom delegation has one or two suitable names to propose the job will go to a nominee of one of the other Member Governments, whereupon the United Kingdom representation on the staff of the Commission would be reduced to one typist. So I suggest that it might be as well to start looking round for my successor: Bruce Roberts and Hayden are the only two I can think of (I believe either would take it).

I hope that all this is coherent and that I have dealt with all the points raised in your letter. If not, please let me know.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*JRM*

Henry Jones

MELBOURNE

RADIO CABLE & TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS "MENZOTEL"

POSTAL ADDRESS BOX 529 G.P.O. MELBOURNE

TELEPHONE

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3 AUG 1955  
Ans'd. Pers.

28th July, 1955

Dear Maude,

Many thanks for your kind letter.

We are so sorry that your wife was laid up and do hope she is quite well by now. It was bad luck and we were disappointed not to see you.

I saw Walsh's film and thought it excellent. It should be put into publicity for the B. S. I. P.

We are greatly attracted by all we have seen so far in Australia, and we have been fortunate with the weather.

Will you please thank Dr Badell for his kind messages and good wishes which I warmly appreciate. Many thanks also

for your own good wishes. We are sorry to be leaving the Pacific, there we received so much kindness and carry many happy memories with us.

My wife and I think you are in wishing you all good fortune and happiness in your retirement.

Yours sincerely  
Henry Jones

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On file m/b k  
Dr. Badell's  
message.

PERSONAL

Box 5254, G.P.O.,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

18th August, 1955.

Dear Bill,

Many thanks for the United Nations material, particularly on community development, which you pass on to me from time to time: how you ever find time to remember us I can't imagine, for birds of passage from New York tell me that you have one of the busiest posts on earth.

As you know, we have a new Secretary-General now, from the States, and the Commission is in process of being reorganized. The Social Development section is to be moved to Noumea, now dependent for communication with the outside world on three planes a month, which will mean quite a drastic change in the services I have built up for the Pacific territories.

The staff have been given rather generous terms financially to move over to Noumea, but I don't think anyone is actually going and I am trying, in a private capacity, to get them useful employment elsewhere.

This letter, therefore, is written in the hope that it may succeed in interesting you in the fate of my research assistant, A.T. Dix, probably the best assistant I have ever had, or could wish to have.

Dix came to us in July, 1951, from the National Library, Archives Division, in Canberra, originally on secondment but latterly on transfer. He is an honours history graduate of Melbourne University and was a part-time history lecturer at Canberra University College when he first joined the Commission. You may remember interviewing him yourself for his present post in Canberra ?

Dix has shown remarkable capacity in developing the Social Development clearing house and technical information service side of

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Australian Mission to the United Nations,  
4510, Empire State Building,  
NEW YORK 1, N.Y., U.S.A.

*W.D. Forsyth's reply  
dated 12/1/55*

our work, which he has organized and managed single-handed for some years. In addition, he has edited technical papers, compiled the "Quarterly Reading List" and performed a host of other duties connected with the organization of research in the South Pacific.

His métier is clearly work with some international body, for which his experience and aptitude peculiarly fit him; and indeed he is anxious to obtain a position on the staff of United Nations or one of the specialized agencies, particularly a secretariat or research type post with the Technical Assistance Administration or the Social Welfare Division of United Nations.

Dix wrote to the Director of the Social Welfare Division, Miss Julia Henderson in April, 1954, enquiring about the possibility of obtaining a post; but he was told in reply that there was no chance then owing to reorganization and retrenchment. He was advised, however, to submit a formal application, and this was done in November, 1954.

He has now written again to Miss Stolper, of the Bureau of Personnel, and to Mr. Duran, in the Social Welfare Division, to see whether there are any positions vacant now or in prospect.

I don't know whether you are in a position to help Dix at all but if you can I should be most grateful. I have had an opportunity of testing him out pretty thoroughly over the past few years and I can honestly say that his ability, enthusiasm and capacity for hard work is quite exceptional in my experience. Above all, he has a most equable temperament and gets along well with everyone.

I do hope to see you again some day. Maybe I shall succeed in getting another job myself, but most probably on the trams, which I see are asking for conductors.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

*J. M.*

Serial.

19th August, 1955.

Dear Mr. Lambert,

I am sorry not to have replied before to your letter of the 29th July, enclosing a draft submission to the Minister on the possible resettlement of the Nauruan population. Unfortunately, it arrived about the worst time it could, as it co-incided with the visit of the Secretary-General and the preparations for the winding up of our activities in Australia and the removal of the Social Development section to Noumea.

I consider that you have set out the gist of the resettlement scheme excellently. After sitting down and thinking over the steps one by one I could not find any material alteration which I would wish to make.

Knowing the Nauruans as I do, and I have been visiting Nauru off and on for over twenty years, I am quite sure that unless their future home is carefully chosen, and in collaboration with themselves, they are going to raise a great stir. As you rightly say, they must live close to an urban centre: part of the Queensland coast, or better still one of the islands off the coast, would be all right but in my opinion nowhere else in Australia. In New Guinea an island or coastal strip off Port Moresby, Rabaul or one of the other main centres, but again nowhere else.

Fiji would be best of all, because of the possibility of intermarriage and eventual assimilation into the local population. They could scarcely be expected to intermarry, or even to mix, to any great extent with Melanesians or Australian aborigines.

C.R. Lambert, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
Department of Territories,  
CANBERRA, A. C. T.

If the Minister approves your submissions the key to success lies in the way in which the stages outlined in your paragraph 8 are carried into effect. Your sequence may need modification in the light of circumstances, but at this stage I do not suggest any.

I have bought some fourteen islands from Europeans at various times for native settlement so, at stage 2, while news would probably get around that I was in the market again, I think few would guess who it was on behalf of.

At stage 4 I fear the cat would be out of the bag, but I doubt if it can be avoided. Probably it wouldn't matter so much then.

Since I feel that your scheme, as now set out, is a practical one I am willing to assist in carrying it out, if desired, largely because it appeals to me and will obviously need a good deal of tact and finesse if it is to have a hope of success.

I do not think, however, that you should consider employing me until stages 1 and 2 are safely over. In brief I suggest :-

- (i) I should sound out Sir Ronald Garvey, the Governor of Fiji, quite unofficially, when he comes to the Commission Session in October; and
- (ii) if there seems any chance of his agreeing, I should follow this by visiting Fiji as soon as I am freed by the Commission, still informally and in a private capacity, and complete the work of stages 1 and 2.

I would then report back to you on the reactions of the Fiji Government, and the possibilities of purchasing a suitable island, and you could move from then by engaging me to carry on with the other stages if you so wished. All I would ask for visiting Fiji, investigating and reporting, would be my expenses and fee.

Wishing you all success with the Minister.

Yours sincerely,

*JRM*



OUR REF:

YOUR REF:

Personal

Apia  
23/8.1966



GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAMOA

APIA, WESTERN SAMOA

Dear Nanny,  
Just a note to wish you well; and please convey my kindest regards to Mrs Wandt and Alan.

I have not forgotten your request for a paper on broadcasting. . . . of that means anything, bearing in mind the fact that your request was made some 2 1/2 years ago! We have now some 5 or 6 months to go before our term of 3 years is up. . . . by "me" I refer to myself, wife and child. (I hate Jan 9 '56 is our scheduled time for return to NZ.)

Frankly, I shall be more than pleased to go. While the job provides unlimited scope for constructive work I have met with almost every turn of almost every turn.



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As you know, broadcasting is a govt. dept. As such it is controlled by the legislative Assembly through a Broadcasting Committee whose recommendations are made to the administration.

I regret to say that I have no faith in a set-up which allows for such a potent weapon for good to become a political football and a potential weapon under self-govt - for partizan propaganda.

This "Committee" has so far failed to make a single constructive suggestion. Most of my time with them is taken up in dissuading them from making the most absurd recommendations, many of which are motivated by pure personal interest.

Only two weeks ago I was approached by two part-Samoan "legislators" with a view to my dropping a certain contract, in number (for personal reasons)



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feeling which, I was informed  
broadcasting funds would be cut  
off in the next session of the assembly.  
The assembly is now in session  
and following a cooked-up attack  
on me in my capacity as director  
of broadcasting, the funds (under  
supplementary estimates) were cut off!  
Such is <sup>the</sup> way things go. The only  
hope for broadcasting is to have  
it placed under a Commissioner  
or perhaps before self-govt advance  
too far.

In the meantime it is, by and  
large, serving a very useful  
purpose even if under difficulty.

Needless to say the remarks I  
have made are personal and  
do not necessarily reflect the  
views of the administration.  
The latest programme which I  
am sending you, is, you  
will realize, a relatively innocuous  
document. On the other hand,  
it does serve to show that there



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is something to life beyond the abundance by Hollywood & Co. in Samoa churned out. If I possibly get the opportunity I'll prepare a paper on broadcasting if it is of any use at this stage. But as things are going, I'm not in a position to make any promises.

I'm sorry that I have not been able to give you more help, Harry, but this note may give you a better appreciation of the situation.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely,  
Douglas Smith

SERIAL

30th August, 1955.

Dear Turbott,

You may remember that early last year you asked me, or rather the Librarian of the Alexander Turnbull Library, for a copy of Captain H.W.S. Gibson's report on H.M.S. "Curacoa's" visit to the Ellice Islands in 1892.

This has taken a long time to locate, as there was no copy in the High Commission Archives, the Public Records Office, Australia or New Zealand.

I have, however, at last succeeded in obtaining a micro-film of the report from the Admiralty in London and I enclose a photostat made from this.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you most sincerely for all your kindness to Helen Sheils and Nancy Phelan during their recent visit to the Gilberts. They have both told me that it was very largely due to your efforts on their behalf that their stay in the Islands was such a happy and interesting one. I am really most grateful to you indeed.

Yours sincerely,

*J.L.M.*

I.G. Turbott, Esq.,  
District Officer, Gilbert Islands,  
BETIO, Tarawa Island, Central Pacific.

SERIAL

Perz

30th August, 1955.

Dear Wyn Jones,

In my letter of the 18th April I confessed my failure to locate Captain H.W.S. Gibson's report on H.M.S. "Curacoa's" visit to the Ellice Islands in 1892.

... I have now redeemed myself *by* succeeding in obtaining a microfilm from the Admiralty itself and I enclose a photostat made from this.

I hope that Helen Sheils and Nancy Phelan behaved themselves. They speak in glowing terms of the hospitality received from yourself and the others on Bairiki.

Yours sincerely,

*J.W.M.*

G. Wyn Jones, Esq.,  
Office of the Resident Commissioner,  
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,  
Bairiki,  
TARAWA.

SERIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

30th August, 1955.

*Dear Macleod - Smith,*

Thank you for your letter F.105/1/4 No.1672 of the 16th August, on the subject of certain classified material contained in a letter from the Archivist, Central Archives of Fiji and W.P.H.C. to me dated the 27th May.

I shall assuredly seek the High Commissioner's approval in the event of wishing to publish any of the information in Miss Crozier's letter. You will have noted, however, from my letter to her of the 14th June, that her information is basically inaccurate, through no fault of her own, and I am therefore unlikely to be tempted to use it.

Actually, my enquiry to Miss Crozier arose from two official requests received from the Government of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony (the first through the Turnbull Library in Wellington and the second direct) for a copy of Captain H.W.S. Gibson's report on H.M.S. "Curacoa's" visit to the Ellice Islands in 1892.

When copying material on the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony recently at the Public Records Office in London I failed to locate this report, but subsequently ran it to earth in the Admiralty Library.

I now have a microfilm of the report in my possession and felt it only fair to offer a copy, either in microfilm or photostat form, to Miss Crozier, to complete her records. I realize that this report would probably be regarded as classified in the Fiji and W.P.H.C. Archives but copies of this, and similar material, are easily obtained in London, where they are not so regarded.

A. Macleod-Smith, Esq.,  
Acting Chief Secretary,  
Western Pacific High Commission,  
HONIARA, B.S.I.P.

This is not a complaint for I know full well that the rules governing access to records in the Fiji and W.P.H.C. Archives are in accordance with Colonial Office instructions. Fortunately, the Public Records Office, Admiralty, and similar archives in London have different rules, or little historical research would be possible as regards the British territories in the Pacific.

In this case, however, I should emphasize that :-

- (i) my desire for a copy of the Gibson report was in response to an official request from the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony;
- (ii) my letter to Miss Crozier dated the 18th April, did not seek any classified information;
- (iii) though her letter of the 27th May quoted some classified material, it was inaccurate;
- (iv) I therefore obtained the required report elsewhere; and
- (v) my final letter of the 14th June was confined to pointing out the error (made incidentally by Governor Thurston and not Miss Crozier), and offering a copy of the report which had started the ball rolling.

As a matter of interest, the mistake is not entirely unimportant, for it concerns who in fact declared a British Protectorate over the Ellice Islands. And in view of the American claims to the Southern Ellice Group it is essential that we should at least know who was responsible for the act on which our claim rests, and when that act took place.

*Yours sincerely,*

*flm*



SERIAL

PERSONAL

2nd September, 1955.

Dear Bruce,

Many thanks for your letters: I am glad to think that we shall depart our several ways as friends. The trouble about the Commission now, as I see it, is that it has become an organization of super technicians - there are 22 working in the Pentagon at the moment, I believe, and some of them are world rank - and its operations tend to become evermore technically perfect but quite devoid of that essential spark of humanity. You and I are perhaps the two last left who do not regard the islander as an economic machine, without feelings or failings.

You must have been very tired when you left here and your letters now are delightful to read: relaxed and gloriously inconsequential. I only wish I felt so too, but I hope to when I retire in a few months. Then I shall laze all day and watch the geraniums growing.

I am glad for your sake that you decided to turn down this job, for I really believe that you would not have been happy as a Noumea bottle-washer. And in any case your own work, in my opinion, is a good deal more important and it requires a measure of skill and experience that few possess: something more than the talents of a third-rate politician like this one.

But who will take over I have no idea as yet. At the moment I would put my money on Bill Groves, as I think Canberra is anxious to push him: nothing came of the United Nations job. If asked my opinion, I believe I shall favour Cyril Belshaw.

Helen is back again from the Gilberts, and Nancy paid us a fleeting visit in between the Gilberts and the Eastern Pacific.

D. Bruce Roberts, Esq.,  
"Ratheane",  
Sorrento Road,  
DALKEY, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

I think she was here about a week and then rushed off to Western Samoa and Tahiti. Joannides is due on the 11th.

It is the most perfect Spring weather and so peaceful in this office that I almost feel like keeping it on as a private hermitage where I can sit and dream after all but me have fled.

When I last spoke to Dr. Bedell he was thinking of moving the Literature Bureau into the city and having just the one office for all the activities of the Commission in Sydney. But he is rightly not intending to make any changes in the Bureau organization until he has had an opportunity of discussion with yourself.

I guess Helen Walsh must have left you by now: from all accounts you gave her a whale of a time on Aran.

Yours ever,

*JLM*



BRITISH RESIDENCY,  
VILA,  
NEW HEBRIDES.

*NO 469/55*



5th September, 1955

Dear *Maude,*

This is just to let you know that I managed to get safely back to Vila in just under a fortnight from leaving and to thank you for your kindness to me in Sydney.

As the "Calédonien" was leaving on Sunday at dawn I had only one day in Noumea. I saw Bedell and Ojala again briefly, but even if there had been time the occasion was not favourable to any discussion with the French about an economic survey. Monsieur Hofherr was very much occupied with visiting politicians; moreover, he did not show any enthusiasm for a survey when I tested his reaction to the idea in conversation. I am afraid that we shall have to go about it the hard and long way and my next step must be to consult Honiara. I have let Ojala know the position. I handed Belshaw's Samoan report to Stutze (?) when I saw him at the Qantas terminal.

The New High Commissioner is due in Honiara on 26th September, after arriving in Sydney on or about 21st September in the "Dominion Monarch" - but you are probably better informed than I am.

I am sorry that you are unlikely to be with the Commission much longer but hope we may have dealings with you in another capacity. If there is ever anything I can do for you, don't hesitate to let me know.

*With kind regards to his hands and yourself.*  
Yours *Sincerely,*

*John Rennie*

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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL



6 September, 1955

Dear Harry,

I must again try to tell you how much I enjoyed the trip into the country and the chance to see some of Australia that is beyond Sydney. This country looks so much like my own homeland in the United States that I felt as if I had not crossed the Pacific. Just to stand in silent admiration of nature's wonders is one of my greatest pleasures - and I'm most grateful to you and yours for having made it possible.

I trust that Mrs. Maude has now recovered from the inconveniences of the intestinal disturbance she was experiencing when I left. She is entirely too nice a person to have this sort of thing happen often.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Commission meeting. You have been such a pleasant guest in our apartment that I would be much disappointed if you could not use the little front room we have for you.

Cordially,

Ralph Clairon Bedell  
Secretary-General

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Executive Officer for Social Development,  
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Box 5254, G.P.O.,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

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SERIAL

8th September, 1955.

Dear Mr. Lambert,

Thank you for your letter DR.118/6 of the 3rd September, informing me that the Minister has approved the procedure set out in your minute as a basis for discussion with the Administrator of Nauru, who has been requested to proceed to Australia for the purpose as soon as possible.

I note that you would wish me to take part in these discussions and shall be glad to do so.

I should be able to visit Canberra at any time desired except between the 18th October and the 12th November, when I am due to attend the Fourteenth Session of the Commission in Noumea.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude

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Secretary,  
Department of Territories,  
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Australia



Dear Harry,

I have your letter of 18th August concerning the possibility of employment for A.T. Dix. I am not myself aware of openings and I do know that the present Secretary-General's reorganization has greatly curtailed opportunities. However I will have inquiries made and inform you of the result.

I trust that some way will be found to retain for the Commission your invaluable services. I would hate to think of the Commission trying to carry forward a vital programme in the social development field without your enthusiasm and encyclopaedic area knowledge being available.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W.D. Brasyth

*W. Dix / Please see / JEM. / 20.9.55.*

*Noted. / W.D. / 21.9.55.*

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15th September, 1955.

Dear Jim,

Thanks for your letter: we got the Noumea mail off last night so I am able to turn my mind to higher things.

Nancy seems to have enjoyed it all in Samoa despite everybody's preoccupation with political affairs: she is in Rarotonga now and then spends a week on Aitutaki and a fortnight on Tahiti before returning home.

I wrote to the Secretary-General on the 9th August asking permission to retire from the Commission service and requesting that this desire should be communicated to the Commissioners with a view to my successor being appointed at the Fourteenth Session. This is scheduled to begin on the 22nd October and end on the 8th November.

So far I have not received any answer or even an acknowledgment, but I feel sure that it will arrive by the next mail. Dr. Bedell was in Sydney until the 26th August, so did not get my letter until he returned home, although he knew about it.

Then when he did get back to Noumea he was immersed in preparing a pile of reports for the Commissioners on publicity, publications, the reorganization of the staff and the removal of the Social Development section to headquarters. I know that they have been working like beavers there and expect papers on all these subjects by the return of the plane; and also one to the Commissioners forwarding my request to be allowed to retire. Of course the Commissioners will do nothing as a body until the Session.

I have also written to McKay telling him the news and

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urging that New Zealand should nominate Cyril Belshaw to succeed me. I can think of no one better, can you? I told Vaskess that Bruce Roberts might be a suitable nomination for the United Kingdom to put up, but Bruce has since written me saying that he would not touch it at any price: how wise he is.

I promise to let you know developments as soon as they occur.

Yours sincerely,

*J.L.M.*



19th September, 1955.

Dear Douglas,

Thanks for your letter which I found most interesting. What you have to say is well borne out by other communications which I have received from Samoa during the past few months. And particularly from a long letter from Nancy Phelan which arrived by the same mail as yours: I expect you met her when she passed through Apia a week or two ago.

With the importance paid to oratory in Samoa one would expect the political possibilities of broadcasting to be readily appreciated. So I am not a bit surprised to hear that it has become a "political football". Indeed, I would anticipate that things will get a good deal worse before (if ever) they get better, and that every kind of skulduggery will be employed to gain control of this medium for the benefit of one faction or another in the everlasting political warfare.

I don't quite see how your suggestion of a Broadcasting Commission would solve the problem: when one thinks of who the Commissioners would be. No doubt you have a non-political Commission in mind, but who is non-political in Samoa?

I am glad that you have not forgotten my request for a paper on Samoa, broadcasting and sincerely hope that you will be able to produce it: not only for our sake but also for your own. For the Commission Technical Paper series in which your effort would appear is now highly regarded not only in the South Pacific area but throughout the world; and if you aim to stay, and rise, in the profession which you have chosen I know of no better way in which you can get your name known as an authority on Pacific broadcasting, particularly with the international bodies in mass communications in underdeveloped territories. And they are the

*interested*

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Director of Broadcasting,  
Government of Western Samoa,  
APIA, Western Samoa.

organizations who pay the big salaries. I have a broadcasting friend from New Guinea who threw in his job and decided to go into the international field: he is now Adviser in Ceylon or somewhere and earns as many thousands as he used to hundreds.

Anyway, please do your best to let us have something and meanwhile many thanks for writing, and I wish you every success back in New Zealand.

With kindest regards from us both.

Yours sincerely,

*JRM.*

CONFIDENTIAL

19th September, 1955.

My dear Hayden,

Herewith all the information I can find in answer to your letter of the 31st August.

Firstly, as far as I can discover, the terms of the appointment would be as follows :-

Salary - £2,200

Post allowance - (married) - £901.6.8d.

Figures are in £Stg. Post allowance is payable at two-thirds plus 25% of the single rate allowance (i.e. £540.16.0d) when the officer is away from Noumea: complicated, isn't it? I imagine that you would be away for more than half the year.

Your Provident Fund contribution will cost you 6% of your salary and rental 15%. I can't remember if Anne is over 22 years and at a University or not but, if she is, you collect an additional £100.

I have not much of an idea how Garvey would feel about it. I have had a few talks with him but not for some months and your name never cropped up, as far as I can remember.

Unless he knows you personally and has consequently formed his own judgment, I should imagine that Garvey would consult with Stoddard and Lewis-Jones. I don't know again what your relationship with Stoddard was like but I should presume that Lewis-Jones would be biased against you, purely for the reason that in the Pacific most people run down their predecessors automatically to show how they just arrived in time to save the situation. And Lewis-Jones refuses to

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KOREA.

co-operate with this section in any way, or even to answer our letters; and I have wondered if maybe it is because he thinks we are your baby: but this is all supposition.

Finally, as regards your suggestion of dropping a hint in the right quarters, I wrote to Vaskess on the 25th July telling him that I hoped to be allowed to retire after the Fourteenth Session.

In this letter I mentioned that unless the U.K. delegation has one or two suitable names to propose the job will go to a nominee of one of the other Member Governments, whereupon the U.K. representation on the staff of the Commission will be reduced to one typist (actually an interpreter). I added that Bruce Roberts and you were the only two I can think of as suitable and that I believed it possible that either of you would take it. Since then Bruce Roberts has written to me to say that he would not consider it even if offered to him. When I write to Vaskess again I shall say that Bruce is out but you would quite like to be considered. I think Garvey will certainly consult the Colonial Office before taking any action at all and the C.O. may well recommend someone from outside the area altogether.

I hope this answers all your questions.

All the best from us both.

Yours sincerely,

*Lee M.*

P.S.

26th September, 1955.

Dear Bruce,

Helen, Douglas and myself are due to leave for the Fourteenth Session on the 19th October and to return on the 11th November, so I guess that you will find no-one here when you arrive on the 28th.

As I understand it your leave expires on the 5th November but you are due a number of extra days to compensate for the ones you spent on Commission business.

Anyway, this is just to say come back when you feel like it, before, on or after the 5th November, and we can fix up the necessary bookkeeping entries when I get back from Noumea.

My letter asking to retire has at last been circulated to Commissioners by the Secretary-General together (but not quite together) with a paper recommending the removal of the Social Development section to Noumea, with the exception of the Literature Bureau. Dr. Bedell, on the other hand, feels that the Commissioners will not be able to select a successor until the Fifteenth Session (which may be in May or November, 1956). But I shall urge the desirability of making an acting appointment to take effect immediately after the Session, if they cannot make a permanent one. I have had several offers of employment during the past few weeks but cannot expect people to wait indefinitely.

Bedell has agreed to my suggestion about the "Technical Liaison Officer" who will take the place of the second Assistant and remain in Sydney to act, under the direction of the Deputy Chairman, on behalf of all three sections. I think this job should, with luck, go to Alex. I sincerely hope so as he had decided to leave if moved to Noumea.

D. Bruce Roberts, Esq.,  
Passenger,  
P. & O. m/v "Iberia",  
BOMBAY, India.

Headquarters is having a budget crisis just at present, the result of the new "budgetary control" introduced by Gadd<sup>d</sup> apparently being that we are about to be overspent to the tune of £6,500. So the work programme is being slashed and I am authorized only to incur expenditure on absolutely essential items: otherwise we are to go on to a care and maintenance basis.

And then Gadd<sup>d</sup> has gone and taken £500 that New Guinea sent for "Wealth from the Coconut" into last year's revenue, which does not help matters.

We will be seeing you soon now; you will find me a very relaxed person these days - just hanging on till the new staff can start work on the new programme in the new quarters.

Yours ever,

*J.S.M.*

SERIAL

Pers.

5th October, 1955.

Dear Jim,

The Secretary-General has now sent my request to be permitted to retire to all Senior Commissioners, under cover of a letter dated the 25th September.

In it he says that "delays in mail transmission, infrequency of aircraft, and the necessity for me to be in Australia temporarily have combined to prevent an earlier transmission to Commissioners".

No doubt that is all true enough but still it looks unfortunate from my point of view since the Commissioners may well say now that they have not been given sufficient notice to enable them to choose a successor at the Fourteenth Session.

Bedell himself says in a personal letter :-

"The most critical point concerns the time that you might leave the Commission. I do not consider it practical or likely for Commissioners to appoint a new Executive Officer for Social Development at the Fourteenth Session. The earliest practical time, I believe, would be in May of 1956 and this assumes that the Commissioners would agree to have a meeting following the Third South Pacific Conference. I do not know if, in fact, they will reach such agreement. The next most likely date would be in October, 1956. A possible alternative which I believe is somewhat unlikely of adoption would be for Commissioners to review applications forwarded by mail, rely

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upon some appropriately located governmental representatives to interview those seriously considered and make an election by correspondence. This latter procedure seems to me to be so awkward that the practical result may be that we will be confronted with an alternative of May or October, 1956."

So it looks at the moment as if I am once again stymied and therefore useless to you, but this time I am at least determined to keep you posted with a ball-to-ball description of the play. We shall see at the Session, for which I leave in a fortnight.

Sincerely,

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SERIAL

6th October, 1955.

Dear Dr. Belshaw,

I have been feeling very contrite at not having thanked you before for your most helpful advice on the agenda for the proposed Conference on community organization and development: we found your expert views of great assistance to us.

I am enclosing a copy of a savingram which has gone out to the Commissioners giving a provisional draft agenda for them to chew over: as you will see, it represents a modification of the original one, made as a result of your suggestions.

Eric Ojala has written to you about the timing of the Conference. My own personal view is that it may never come off at all next year, since the Research Council proposals necessitate our asking the Commissioners for just on £40,000 for the Social Development work programme for 1956, of which nearly £20,000 is more or less committed for continuing this year's programme.

Our Social Development budget this year is £21,000 and I don't see the Commissioners giving us much more next year. So where the £7,000 required for the Conference is to come from I don't know. However, we shall know before very long now as the Fourteenth Session begins on the 22nd of this month.

I read your report on Eastern Samoa with the greatest interest, and made a number of suggestions to the Secretary-General as to how we could be of assistance to the Territorial Government in the implementation of your recommendations. We are hoping that the United States Authorities will be willing to publish the report, as so many of your observations would be of value to other territories.

I trust that you have received your copies of your

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I have asked to be allowed to retire from the Commission as soon as possible after the Fourteenth Session so I don't myself expect to be a participant in the Community Development Conference if it should, in fact, be held. As a matter of fact I have strongly recommended your son as my successor and hope very much, for the sake of the Pacific territories, that he gets the job.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*H.E. Maude*

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Yours sincerely,



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Executive Officer for Social  
Development

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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

11th October, 1955.

Dear Vaskess,

It was extremely good of you to write as you did in your last letter. It will, indeed, be a sad day to me when I have to leave the Commission, but you will by now have received the paper from headquarters on the removal of the Social Development section, which made my own departure inevitable.

I bear absolutely no ill-feeling on any point and, as the Commission has always treated me very well, I am only anxious to be gone with the minimum dislocation to the works. The rest of the staff are retiring also.

Which brings me to the real subject of this letter, which is to say that I have heard from Bruce Roberts to the effect that he has no desire to be considered as a candidate for my post. Hayden, on the other hand, would quite like it. I do hope, however, that you have by now found a really good man and that he will be ready to take over as soon as possible after the Fourteenth Session.

I see that the budgetary implications of all the new changes being made are going to be quite appreciable.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*J.H.M.*

H.H. Vaskess, Esq., C.M.G., O.B.E.,  
Commissioner for the United Kingdom  
on the South Pacific Commission,  
Government House,  
SUVA, Fiji.

SERIAL

Pers.

12th October, 1955.

Dear Nigel,

Would it be possible to let me have a copy of the following :-

STEMPIEN, S.J. 1944. Filariasis in the Gilbert Islands.  
A report of survey by the epidemiological team on Apamama, Gilbert Islands, 12 pages, 1944.

Even the loan of a copy would be sufficient, as I could have it photoed and returned.

I hope you are enjoying acting a bit more than I ever did.

Yours sincerely,



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Acting Resident Commissioner,  
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,  
TARAWA, Gilbert Islands.

London School of Economics,  
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Aldwych,  
London, W.C.2.



12th October 1955.

Dear Harry,

I have just received your letter of 4th October. First, let me deal with Belshaw's book. I did indeed give a report to Routledge. But this was not an ordinary reader's report - it was rather a general opinion. It was to this effect: that from the technical point of view the book was an extremely sound and valuable piece of work; that I had consented to write a preface to it (that does not mean that you or Belshaw are necessarily committed to such a preface); that the problems of development in the underdeveloped territories are coming very much to the fore and Belshaw's study is one of the few of its kind to examine some aspects of development in which the local peoples themselves have taken great initiative. I hoped that while it was a specialist publication Routledges would find some means of handling it. I also told them that I had suggested to Belshaw that the first Chapter might be recast, posing the most general problems first, stressing the worldwide interest in developmental questions, and then relating his study to such general interests. As it stands, both his preface and the first chapter are too localized and parochial. On looking now again at the first chapter, it strikes me that it also looks a bit too bookish on the question of economic anthropology. The first twenty or thirty pages seem to me to need recasting in a wider perspective, in order to show what the book really stands for as a theoretical contribution and a contribution to applied anthropology.

This is really all I said to Routledge and to Cyril (and I did not actually use the word "parochial"). In addition, as regards cutting, it seems to me that this is the kind of work which ought to be subsidized, and I have a lot of sympathy with Cyril's view that he cannot start rewriting it now. The only question in my mind would be whether Chapters 11, 12, 13 and 14, on marriage, childhood, religion and sorcery, could be cut out from the book since they are less directly related to the welfare topic, and published by Cyril as separate articles. Such separate publication is quite common of course. I should say that I did not make this suggestion to either Routledge or to Cyril because I thought then that the book might be published as a whole without too much difficulty. This would save seventy pages or more even if a brief reference to the material was appended, say, to Chapter 4. I hope these suggestions may be of some use.

*Extract of W.S. / W.L.*

Now let me refer to the changes in the Social Development Section. I heard of these from Miss Walsh and from John Cool with the greatest regret and very severe misgiving. I can see that there is a good logical administrative case for transfer to Noumea but it seems to me quite absurd that a flourishing and creative Section should be whisked away in order to conform to administrative convenience. I know that regret will be very widespread.

All best regards. I hope to hear from you again before too long.

Yours ever,

*Reginald Firth*

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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

October 12, 1955

PERSONAL



Dear Mr. Maude,

I am informed by cable today by Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome that Dr. Ojala will receive an offer from them of the post of Regional Economist for Asia and the Far East, stationed at Bangkok. This is a very attractive position and it is quite understandable that Eric would desire to take it. In addition to the very attractive increase in salary it carries a major responsibility in South-east Asia where Eric has special interest. His appointment would also be of interest to the New Zealand government in this connection. I am therefore in agreement with his desires to be relieved somewhat from the six months' clause in his contract. Actually it is necessary that he be in Rome shortly after the first of the year. FAO would release him to attend the South Pacific Conference in Suva.

I quote from the cablegram received today :

"WE HAVE FULL UNDERSTANDING YOUR DIFFICULTIES IN RELEASING OJALA ON DATE PROPOSED STOP IN VIEW NECESSITY OJALA ATTEND NEXT ESCAPE SESSION COMMENCING FEBRUARY 2 INDIA AND DESIRABILITY HIS SPENDING AT LEAST ONE MONTH ROME FOR PRIOR BRIEFING I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF IT COULD BE ARRANGED OJALA REACH ROME AROUND JANUARY 3 NO OBJECTION HIS ATTENDING YOUR MEETING APRIL MAY 1956 PROVIDED YOUR COMMISSION PAYS TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE  
BOERMA DIRECTOR ECONOMICS"

It is my understanding that the New Zealand delegation to the Fourteenth Session will favour meeting the time schedule in the above telegram, although I obviously have not had specific and direct information to this effect.

My purpose in writing you is that the matter will be one of considerable comment by Commissioners who meet in Sydney en route to Nouméa, and I want you to have the principal elements of information so that you may be informed about what is taking place.

You will understand that I am anticipating a bit in an attempt to put information on this airplane to reach you in advance with your visits to Commissioners. Actually, Commissioners will be advised by cable tomorrow or the next day, assuming that the airplane tomorrow brings Eric the expected offer. Should the offer fail to arrive, then it is very important that this matter not be mentioned. Therefore, I am asking that you keep this entirely to yourself until it is brought to your attention by a Commissioner or in a cable from me. You will appreciate my position as I have not yet had time to inform the Executive Officers here of Eric's offer. They will hear of it in the morning.

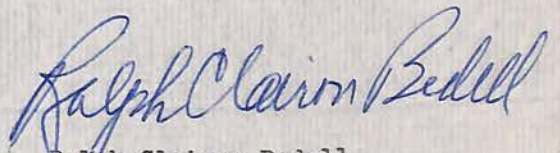
Considerable information about the circumstances of this offer are available to Mr. Daniel W. Montenegro, American Consul in Nouméa, who will be en route to Sydney by the same airplane that brings this note to you. It will be quite all right for you to call Mr. Kennedy, the American Consul-General in Sydney, for an appointment with Mr. Montenegro for the purpose of discussing this matter. Mr. Montenegro will be informed that you may attempt to get in touch with him.

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even the prospect of seeing Eric leave the secretariat, but I have never found it good policy to interfere with the firm wishes of employees, especially when there is an opportunity of advancement. I am well aware that Commissioners will act upon this matter in their own way and as they think best, but I anticipate they may ask my advice, and I shall be compelled to tell them that I believe it is a great compliment to the South Pacific Commission to have one of its secretariat offered a position of this kind and that the emoluments and positions of the post are so attractive that I consider it in the best interests of the Commission to meet FAO's request in this matter.

I look forward to the opportunity of seeing you next week and to talk with you about the many problems of the Commission. I will at that time give you full information on Eric's situation.

Sincerely yours,



Ralph Clairon Bedell  
Secretary-General.

Mr. H.E. Maude,  
Executive Officer for Social Development,  
South Pacific Commission,  
G.P.O. Box 5254,  
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With renewed apologies.

Yours sincerely,

*John M.*

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Dear Mr. Maude,

We are, naturally, sorry that you have not been able to complete the promised revision of the Gardiner script on the history of the Pacific. However, we are even sorrier to hear of the break-up of your department in Sydney.

Mrs. Gardiner would, I am sure, be grateful of any notes you may have made, to date, on her script, however rough. If this is possible, will you send them straight to her at 6 Banjine Street, O'Connor, Canberra, A.C.T.?

Does your remark about retirement mean that you are shortly likely to be available for writing and such jobs?

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*E. Moodie Heddle.*

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7th November, 1955.

Mr H.E. Maude,  
Executive Officer for Social Development,  
Social Development Section,  
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SYDNEY, N.S.W.



Dear Mr Maude,

Thank you very much for your letter of 6th October, together with the revised agenda of the Conference, which I found awaiting me on my return from the Cook Islands. I think that the revised Agenda is more consistent with the requirements for economic development and more likely to attract senior officials. It is, I think, most important to indicate at an early date to the Administrations the necessity for sending senior officials to the Conference. I have already discussed this aspect with Mr Wright of Island Territories, Mr Dare, Official Secretary to the Cook Islands and Mr Smith, Official Secretary of Western Samoa. I think that their reaction indicates the possibility of getting senior officials.

I note in this connection, however, your own personal view that the Conference may not come off. Would you be kind enough to let me know as soon as a decision is arrived at?

I appreciate your comments on the Eastern Samoan report and think that you might be interested in the Cook Island Report since the territories provide striking contrasts in a number of respects. This Report has been tabled both in the House of Representatives in New Zealand and the Legislative Council in the Cook Islands and Mr Wright, I am sure, would send you a copy of it should you be interested.

The Technical paper, on the Communities Project Approach to Economic Development has arrived and I like the production very much indeed. I very much appreciate your sending me copies for distribution.

I am personally sorry to hear of your intention to retire from the Commission and naturally am very interested in your information in respect of Cyril and greatly appreciate your interest in his working with the Commission. It is a matter of regret to me that we have never met and I hope that this may be remedied.

I shall be leaving Wellington about the 10th December and staying at Whenuapai, Auckland, until the 27th when I leave on my F.A.O. assignment. If it is necessary to communicate with me, letters could be sent to Victoria College to arrive before the 10th or at Whenuapai to arrive before the 27th.

Cordial personal regards,

Sincerely,

H. Belshaw

7th November, 1955.

Dear Jim,

I am actually writing this in Noumea though I guess it will have to be typed in Sydney after I get back on Friday as I can never find anyone here during Session time.

Well the fun and games are pretty well over now - tomorrow is the last day - and you never saw such a mess in your life. The Secretary-General bulldozed the removal of the social development section through in the face of considerable Commission hostility: my request to retire really clinched the matter as otherwise the voting would have been 4 - 2 against removal.

I was sorry in a way to be the unwitting means of effecting this retrograde step but I felt strongly that I could not let you down once again and still retain some small vestige of self-respect. Anyway I personally have had the Commission, as it has developed during the last few months, and feel a new man now I am virtually out of it.

... I enclose a copy of the resolution on the subject, from which you will see that I asked, and they very decently agreed, that I should retire as from the 31st December.

I am hoping, however, that if I am lucky enough to get the job working for you you will be able to agree to my starting on or about the 1st August. There are several reasons for this request: I want to do a couple of jobs for the Australian and New Zealand Governments, involving visits to Fiji and Niue respectively; I should like to get somewhere to live and, above all, I'd like a bit of a rest reading up history, writing a paper or two I've on my conscience, copying certain historical material in the social development office at Cremorne (that will be otherwise lost for ever)

Professor J.W. Davidson,  
Research School of Pacific Studies,  
Australian National University,  
CANBERRA, A. C. T.

and getting myself re-oriented generally. At the moment I must get the taste of the Commission out of my system and gain a new perspective.

Nevertheless I'd naturally work in with your plans: as you will note, they want me to attend the South Pacific Conference, where you will be too, but you also mentioned being off to England later in the year.

I hope the post has been advertised by now as I suppose it will in any case take several months for the applications to come in and a decision reached. You said that I needn't make a full-dress application again but could refer to my previous one ?

You've no idea how relieved I feel at being able to tell you something positive for once,

Yours sincerely,

*Lee M.*



SERIAL

Pers.

14th November, 1955.

Dear Cyril,

I am now able to give you the score on my retirement, which has been accepted by the Commissioners. I shall be leaving at the end of next month and the Commissioners are to set about selecting my successor straightaway, in accordance with the procedure detailed in the document attached.

As you will see, each of the six Governments is to nominate one candidate only, by the end of January. The Executive Officer will be required to live in Noumea, and is to have a Grade II officer as assistant. The Literature Bureau, Visual Aids programme and the Services (which together constitute over 90% of the social development work programme) will be carried out from Sydney.

I have no particular plans myself - I might go to the A.N.U. or I might do nothing. Right now I'm going to have a few months rest and get the taste of Commission politics out of my mouth.

I'll send on your Ms. to Routledge and Kegan Paul, as you ask in your letter,

All the best,

Yours sincerely,

*J.C.M.*

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VANCOUVER 8, British Columbia,  
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*John M.*

Ravotona  
10/8/55.

Mr. H. Mande.  
Ex. Officer.  
Soc. D. Section.  
B. P. C.

Dear Harry,

Knowing you would be interested in this paper, a copy of which has been given to me because I was one of the three elected to interview the Res. Commr. on behalf of the "Students" and persuade him to restore their rights for employment in the Admin.

We spent altogether 6 hours that days — and several other hours on following days.

The 'ink' remarks are mine, but the story was written up by Rev Crocombe



who was a P. W. D. Clerk and  
one of the delegates. He is  
now in N. Z., and because he  
has not given me the authority  
to reveal this, please, if you  
will, return it.

The third delegate was  
Manea Tamarua who has been  
elected by the Ruro. Is. Council to  
represent Ruro. at the S.P. Conf.  
in Fiji next year. He is  
a C. I. M. P. (Specialist in  
T. B.)

Kind regards,

Yours truly,  
Bill Atkin

P.S. In another envelope you will find the  
only spare copy of my report on the Research  
Council - made to Leo, Comber. and McKay.

I hope my attempt at condensing it is accurate  
and meets your approval, and I trust that none  
of my personal observations are out of place, untimely,  
or inaccurate. If, after scanning it, you would  
like to forward it to Mr. Redell, Sec. Gen. I should  
be very glad. I have no other copy to send home.

Karotanyi,  
8/8/55.

Dear Harry, I have just finished my report on my impressions of the Research Council. I think it was on the whole most favourable. I know I was impressed <sup>by</sup> ~~with~~ the tremendous amount of work which has been done, and is still being done, for the benefit of the indigenous people of the area. I have not a spare copy at present. I may manage to get one for you. Most of it is a condensation of the resolutions arrived at on each topic discussed with a minimum of personal viewpoints.

The real purpose of this note  
is twofold :-

① To send you the small  
booklet on "Food". The first-  
of a Soc. Studs. series which  
I hope to complete. When?  
God knows!

② To tell you that - I was  
astounded with the great  
amount of self-help activity  
taking place in Samoa  
where their prodigious efforts  
in roadmaking, school building,  
and hospital building make  
one realize that the Samoans  
are going places, and they know  
it. There is a real vital  
upsurge of interest in education

and while many of their village schools are most ill-equipped, and some are not yet built, one cannot deny the existence of a community spirit and drive which must be most beneficial very soon. To tell the truth,

I, as one who has plugged for the Cooks for some 16 yrs., felt ashamed that our people had not done more. This is not true of islands like Atin who did erect all their own school buildings, but most of our islands could learn a lot from the present attitude and <sup>activity</sup> ~~action~~ of the Samoans.

I expect you know all this. But to hear it from a "Cook Islander"

may give it a new meaning  
much credit must go to Ken Lambie who has apparently done the  
right thing at the right time (I hope you are winning the  
war of the "Location of the Social  
Development - H. 2."

Please give my kind regards  
to both Messrs. Dix and Pearce,  
and I should be much obliged  
if you would pass on to each  
copies of the "Booklet", not that  
it is worth notice, but because  
they requested copies.

In conclusion, may I say,  
that the "session" was an  
education to me, and that  
I appreciated your guiding  
hand, as we all did.

Kin Druma.

Yours truly,  
Bill Allison.

P.S. Noakes has stolen  
one of my best-  
school teachers. Is  
that cooperation?

Dear Harry.

Please excuse the  
numerous Pevitt errors, and  
the misplaced comments.  
Also forgive my own  
crudities of expression  
and errors.

There is a bad  
misplacement - of lines  
at top of P. 10.

Line 1. should be Line 3.

Yours truly  
Bill Allin

SERIAL

Pers.

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Professor R. Firth,  
London School of Economics,  
Houghton Street,  
ALDWICH, London, W.C.2,  
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for CES/6/6*

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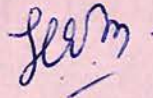


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H.E. Maude

19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1955

Dear Mr Maude,

I have just heard from Helen Shields that you are intending to give up your work with the South Pacific Commission. It seems inappropriate that one should always express one's appreciation of a achievement belatedly. It would be presumptuous for me, early or late, to pretend to know the scope of your work. My reason for writing is more personal.

In the early part of my professional career, I experienced, on the whole, the sort of academic and other association that helped me to work freely and usefully. My tangential association with the Social Development Section convinced me again, after some years, that such hopeful conditions could exist. Since the interval had shown me, too, that there was little of this academic spirit about, I was and am particularly impressed by your power to create it. I can't dissociate my pleasure

in agreeing with the social aims you were  
pursuing - so far as I know them.

My wife and I join in hoping that one,  
whose ancestors came over to England will  
will win the Bastard, will entice to  
colonize Australia.

Our regards to you and Mrs Maude,

Yours,

Oliver Field.

H. E. Maude Esq. O. B. E.

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South Pacific Commission

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



Dear Mr. Maude,

Thanks for your letter of November 16, with the list of suggested readers of Mrs. Gardiner's script. We hope that you do decide to become a Research Fellow in Pacific History at Canberra for we imagine this might have useful results and be quite pleasant for you, too.

If you find any useful notes on the Gardiner script we shall be pleased to have these for her. I have not heard how she is getting on with her revision and imagine that if you appear in Canberra before this is completed she will be on your tail for aid.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*E. Moodie Heddle.*

*File*

23-11-55.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Just a line to

Say Campbell is enjoying his work very much, and is very happy as a livestock officer. He is very busy and has been on tour a lot this year.

I have been running my own Kindergarten, so been busy too. It's been a good interest and kept Scott happy.

He is due to start school in February, and we hope to have a little playmate for him early in April.

We still like being in Fiji, but my goodness it is terribly hot at present!

We hope you are well.

Kind regards from  
us both,

Kathleen & Campbell  
Henderson.



SERIAL

OUTWARDS CABLE

To: Messrs Tarswa Gilberts

From: Maude

File: S1/c/19

Date: 24th November, 1955

Retiring from Commission on 31st December stop Grateful  
if accrued leave of approximately 18 months due could commence  
1st January to be followed by pension stop Formal notice of  
retirement from Colony service under Section 6 of Pensions  
Ordinance follows by mail.

Maude Southampton Sydney

Date: L.T.

Cost : £1.12.4d (charged to Mr. Maude's personal account)

SERIAL

Sl/c/19.

24th November, 1955.

Dear Nigel,

I am forwarding all the official and demi-official correspondence connected with my impending retirement, in continuation of my telegram of today's date.

I do hope that all this verbiage is in order and according to protocol. I have addressed everything to you except the formal notification of my intention to retire, which is addressed to H.E. but sent to you.

Whatever happens do please use all your influence to move the Treasury to pay my salary, pension, or at least a compassionate allowance, to the credit of my account with the Bank of New Zealand in Sydney from January. For believe me I'm going to be very broke by the end of that month.

Honor joins me in sending our best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

*F.N.M.*

His Honour F.N.M. Pusinelli, Esq., O.B.E.,  
Acting Resident Commissioner,  
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,  
TARAWA, Gilbert Islands, Central Pacific.

24th November, 1955.

Dear Minnitt,

I am forwarding copies of all the official and demi-official correspondence connected with my impending retirement, in the hope that you will be so kind as to take an interest in seeing it through the proper channels.

I have addressed everything to the R.C., except the formal notification of my intention to retire, which I have addressed to H.E. but sent to Tarawa. I can only hope that all this is in order and according to protocol.

My main anxiety is to ensure that something, whether it be salary, pension, or even a compassionate allowance, goes into my Bank Account at the end of January (or soon after) to keep the wolf from the door.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J.R.M.

R.J. Minnitt, Esq., C.M.G.,  
Chief Secretary,  
Western Pacific High Commission,  
HONIARA, British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

- \* Official letter to Res.Com.
- Official letter to High Com.
- Letter to Sec-Gen of 9th August, 1955.
- SPC.14 Com.A/3 .
- Radiogram to the Res.Com.

Dear Mrs Bedell,

I hope that all at the Pentagon  
have recovered from the rush and flurry of the  
session - it always takes me a week or two,  
and then I forget all about it till the next  
year.

Everyone here is in the throes of the  
Christmas shopping rush, which begins earlier each  
year; and with the country as prosperous as it  
is just at present the shops anticipate a record  
spending spree. It seems unbelievable how a  
boom economy like this can go on year after  
year, especially when we can hardly sell a thing  
abroad, unless subsidized by the Government, owing

to inflated costs of production.

I can thoroughly recommend travelling by Air France - its almost up to Pan American standards and about a hundred times better than Qantas. When I got down to Sydney from Brisbane I was still more or less under the anaesthetic so the day earlier mode all the difference. A couple of days later she insisted on coming home - we always feel so much better till we tries to get up - but probably because it was really too early she took at least 10 days to pull up again. Now she's in good form.

Dr. Compston came to dinner a night or two ago and we talked History solidly - he gave a very good address to the Pacific

Islands Society on New Caledonia last week and  
has been working in the Mitchell Library on  
his shipping departures.

Which reminds me that Dr Bedell  
evincd considerable interest in Australian history when  
he was last in here - only he soon discovered  
that there was, in fact, no good history of the  
country in print; only specialist studies on particular  
aspects or school text-books.

a few weeks ago, however, Alan  
Shaw published a history which has received some  
very good reviews, so I am reading it with  
in the hope that it may interest. It it  
explains to your husband how this country works  
when one of the makers do, when cartels and  
price fixing agreements have virtually eliminated competition,

when the <sup>state</sup> Government discourages saving in order  
to keep as many as possible dependent on  
political handouts and when every public  
enterprise loses money steadily, then it must be  
a good luck.

Once again I must thank you ever  
so much for letting me inhabit your guest  
room. It was particularly lucky this time  
now that I have retired from the fray, and  
I could work in peace there and retain a  
modicum of sanity.

Wishing you a Happy Christmas and  
all success in the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

SERIAL

SI/c/19

24th November, 1955.

Sir,

I have the honour to tender six months' notice of my intention to retire from the Colonial Service, in conformity with the provisions of Section 6(2) of the Pensions Ordinance, 1941, as amended by Section 3 of the Pensions (Amendment) Ordinance, 1951.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

*H.E. Maude*

H.E. Maude

His Excellency the High Commissioner  
for the Western Pacific,  
HONIARA, British Solomon Islands Protectorate.



24th November, 1955.

Dear Sir,

When visiting the Colonial Office while on leave in the United Kingdom last year I mentioned to Sir Thomas Lloyd that I proposed to retire from the service of the South Pacific Commission during the course of 1955 and that, unless required for further employment in the Colonial Service, I should like to retire on pension on the completion of the accrued leave still due to me from the Government of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony. I understood from Sir Thomas that a note to this effect would be placed in my Personal File.

I now enclose a copy of my letter of the 9th August to the Secretary-General of the Commission, asking for permission to retire from my position as Executive Officer for Social Development, together with a copy of the Commission Fourteenth Session Document A/3 accepting my request.

I should be glad if I might be notified in due course in the event of my being required for any further employment in the Colonial Service. On the assumption, however, that no such employment is, in fact, contemplated I am forwarding formal notice of my intention to retire from the Service. In accordance with the provisions of Section 6(2) of the Pensions Ordinance, 1941, as amended by Section 3 of the Pensions (Amendment) Ordinance, 1951, this notice is addressed to His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

I should like, at the same time, to confirm my

His Honour the Acting Resident Commissioner,  
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,  
TARAWA, Gilbert Islands, Central Pacific.

... radiogram of today's date, of which a copy is attached, asking that the accrued leave due to me should commence on the 1st January next, and that my pension should follow on its expiration.

Copies of this correspondence have been forwarded to the Chief Secretary, Western Pacific High Commission, and the Senior Commissioner for the United Kingdom on the South Pacific Commission.

Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude

24th November, 1955.

Dear Sir,

I have just returned from the Fourteenth Session of the South Pacific Commission in Noumea to hear that Mr. A.T. Dix, Research Assistant on the Commission staff, has applied for the position of Assistant Director of Talks in your organization.

In fairness to Mr. Dix I feel that I should explain that we would be loth indeed to dispense with his services were it not for the fact that the Social Development Section's activities are about to be removed from Sydney to New Caledonia, a place to which he is not anxious to proceed.

Mr. Dix has been my Assistant since July, 1951, and has shown an exceptional capacity for administrative work connected with the organization and direction of research. He is well able to assume responsibility and many of the services to Pacific Governments which he now controls were conceived by him in the first instance.

On reading your advertisement for the position of Assistant Director of Talks I have been struck by Mr. Dix' suitability, through his background, contacts and interests, for the particular work required.

In brief, we shall be sorry to lose such a willing and resourceful member of our staff, and more especially one with his pleasant disposition, but at the same time I can thoroughly

General Manager,  
Australian Broadcasting Commission,  
P.O. Box 487,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

recommend him for the position he is now applying for. Should you  
require any further details please ring me at XY.5132.

Yours faithfully,

*H.E.M.*

H.E. Maude  
Executive Officer for Social  
Development

SERIAL

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

28th November, 1955.

Dear Margaret,

Many thanks for your help in getting the Bookshop to send Miss Wilson's book on Geraniums which arrived before I left for Noumea and has been read and re-read.

May I please bother you to ask Ernestine Akers to get me these two items also, which I can't seem to obtain through normal sources :-

- (1) Krauss, Mrs. Lee, "Geraniums for Home and Garden". New York, MacMillan and Company, 1955.                   \$ 4.25.
- (2) The issues of "Baileya" containing a series of articles (I believe by Dr. Harold E. Moore) on cultivated pelargoniums. These commenced in the number for March, 1955, and are to continue through at least three issues. "Baileya" is a quarterly published by the Bailey Hortorium, Ithaca, New York.

I leave the Commission at the end of this year and may join the staff of the Research School of Pacific Studies of the Australian National University. On the other hand I am sorely tempted just to retire and get on with my own interests, which are enough to keep me more than busy.

Sorry to worry you over these books. I would write direct to Miss Akers but you hold the money. It must be finished now ?

Yours ever,

*J.E.M.*

Miss Margaret Titcomb,  
Bernice P. Bishop Museum,  
HONOLULU, Hawaii.

SERIAL

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

26th November, 1955.

Dear Sirs,

Would you please endeavour to trace and obtain for me  
the following booklet :-

"The Genus Geranium", by W.E. Th. Ingworsen  
(or Ingwersen).

I do not know who published this work, probably the  
author himself, but it is I think still in print as it was on  
sale in Australia recently.

Probably Mrs. V.A. Gilbey, Hon. Secretary of the Geranium  
Society, who lives at 14 Ashbourne Road, Hanger Hill, Ealing, W.5.,  
would be able to tell you where it can be obtained.

If you can find it, please send me six copies, debiting  
my account.

Yours faithfully,



H.E. Maude

Francis Edwards Ltd.,  
82 Marylebone High Street,  
LONDON, W.1, England.

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Extracts on : WBl/k/2  
WBl/t/1

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Yours sincerely,

*Lee M.*

Professor H. Belshaw,  
Department of Economics,  
Victoria University College,  
P.O. Box 196,  
WELLINGTON, New Zealand.

SERIAL

S1/c/19.

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Dear Vaskess,

...  
I enclose copies of the correspondence with the High Commission winding up my active life in the Colonial Service. I don't know if they're wanted for the South Pacific Commission records but thought it best to send them just in case.

I do hope that you have by now recovered from your strenuous labours at the Session and that we shall meet again some day in the future.

Yours very sincerely,

*JHM.*

H.H. Vaskess, Esq., C.M.G., O.B.E.,  
Second Commissioner for the United Kingdom  
on the South Pacific Commission,  
Government House,  
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EXCERPT FROM:

SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

FOURTEENTH SESSION

NOUMEA, 24TH OCTOBER - 9TH NOVEMBER, 1955

PROCEEDINGS

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

68. The Commission :

- (a) learns with appreciation of the high value placed by the Government of American Samoa on the recent advisory visit and report to the territory by Professor Horace Belshaw, Commission Consultant;
- (b) notes that the Research Council (Report, para.242), regards reviews of territorial community development work as an important preliminary to the proposed Community Development Conference.

In this context the Commission :

- (c) considers that provision of assistance towards territorial study and analyses of community approaches to development should take priority over the proposed Conference; and therefore decides to postpone the Conference;
  - (d) resolves to arrange for the services of a consultant to be available to advise governments on request on matters relating to community projects and community development.
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30th November, 1955.

Dear Jim,

I have just received your letter, for which many thanks. On re-reading my last effort I see that it was rather obscurely phrased and could have conveyed the impression that I had left the Commission solely on account of the possibility of obtaining the Canberra job.

Actually this is not the case, for I would have left in any event, for reasons which I should be glad to expound when I see you.

Briefly it seems to me that the Commission is now engaged in perpetuating its own vested interests rather than in serving the needs of the territories. The machine has taken over and such old-fashioned concepts as initiative and enthusiasm are severely frowned upon. I am not, of course, the only person to decide that one can no longer do constructive work to help the territories. Helen, Nancy and Ida have all resigned and Alex is just waiting till he lands his next post.

As regards the A.N.U. position, I have frankly never rated my chances unduly high as I realize only too well that there may be a dozen candidates with far more knowledge than I possess - not of the Pacific, perhaps, but of history. However, I must say that I am immensely heartened to hear that Nadel, Spate, and Freeman, besides yourself, would not be averse to my joining the School.

So please don't let the fact that I am now on the streets worry you at all. If I get the job I shall be overjoyed;

Professor J.W. Davidson, M.A., Ph.D.,  
c/o The Australian National University,  
Box 4, G.P.O.,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

if not I can always mortgage the house and buy a taxi plate - it is a healthy open air life - also I can earn £3 a day as a gardener.

Many thanks for the tip about Raymond Firth; I feel sure that he will rally round as I have just had a nice letter from him. But what about the others: I have met with a good few colourful personalities in my misspent life and while most would no doubt merely express surprise and regret that I am still out of jail there must be some who would be more kindly disposed? But should they be from the academic world, or so selected that they cover different periods, or what? Tentatively, how about two of these :-

- (i) Sir Ronald Garvey, Governor of Fiji,  
(we progressed through the W.P.H.C. together and I consequently know a number of stories about him that I feel confident he would much sooner forget);
- (ii) Sir Brian Freeston, who was High Commissioner for the Western Pacific and later Secretary-General, knew me fairly intimately;
- (iii) Dr. Gilbert Archey, Director of the Auckland Museum and Institute, who has known me for about 20 years;
- (iv) Dr. F.E. Keesing, of Stanford, ditto,  
(I feel that he is rather an unpredictable quantity, however, as one never knows if one is in favour at the moment or not: I think I am at present);
- (v) Dr. Ernest Beaglehole, of Wellington, whom I used to know quite well, but our paths have not crossed for some time recently;
- (vi) Kingsley Roth (author and historian!), who really could write about me as he is probably the best friend I have left in the Pacific services.

Alex says that I should have at least one Bishop on the list but to be quite frank I don't know any and it is too late to start now.

Perhaps, to save you writing again, we could speak when you come to Sydney? I see that they want two of my passport photographs, which rather puts me out of the running as I look as if I am wanted for murder.

Yours sincerely,

*JLM*

PERSONAL

2nd December, 1955.

Dear Kingsley,

Before I bid you a final and tearful farewell may I please worry you on a question relating to the Fiji Pensions Ordinance :-

- (i) what is the age of retirement in Fiji?;
- (ii) if, as I imagine, it is fifty-five, "or in special cases, with the approval of the Secretary of State, fifty"; then
- (iii) have officers in Fiji in fact retired on reaching the age of fifty; and
- (iv) has the S. of S. in fact refused to permit an officer between fifty and fifty-five to retire when he asked for such permission?; and if he has not done so to date
- (v) is there any reason to suppose he would ever refuse such permission?

I may say that I have stated that to the best of my knowledge and belief any officer in the Fiji service is free to retire on reaching his fiftieth birthday. Others here hold differently, however, so we have agreed to ask you to arbitrate.

When are you retiring yourself, by the way?

Yours ever,



G.K. Roth, Esq., O.B.E.,  
Secretary for Native Affairs,  
SUVA, Fiji.

5th December, 1955.

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

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thank you for your kind letter of 28th November.

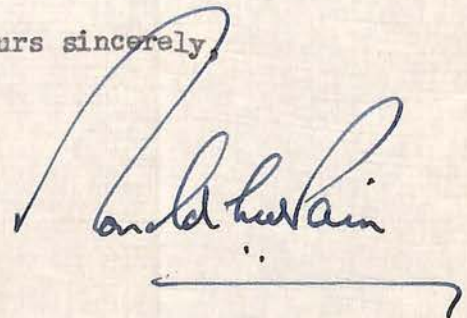
I received your message per my Secretary and fully appreciate your reasons for not being able to attend our Men's Fellowship Meeting last month. I do hope that you will be able to attend the next Men's Fellowship Meeting which will be on 9th February. I feel sure that you would find it interesting and that you would meet some of the local men whom you would perhaps otherwise not have an opportunity of meeting.

If you like to go to our services at St. Paul's with your wife from time to time I assure you that the fact that you are not an official member of the Church of England in no way invalidates your attending our Men's Fellowship or taking part in its activities.

Thank you for your book on the Pacific which I am finding very interesting reading, although I am only about half way through. I will return it to you as soon as I have finished it.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. T. W. Pain', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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

21st November, 1955.

Dear Mr. Begbie,

I must apologise for not having replied before to your kind invitation to attend a dinner on the 24th November to discuss the establishment of a Fellowship for the men of St. Paul's.

I am afraid that I shall not be able to be present at this meeting since I have to go to another one in the city at approximately the same time.

I fear also that your invitation may have been sent to me under the impression that I am a member of the Church of England and I should perhaps explain that this is not the case, though I like to come to the services at St. Paul's from time to time with my wife, who is of course a member.

I am myself a Unitarian and it might not be desirable to have a heretic in the midst of your Fellowship.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*J.R.M.*

Rev. D.R.S. Begbie, Th.L.,  
The Rectory,  
4 Ingram Road,  
WAHROONGA, N.S.W.





St. Paul's Church of England  
Wahroonga, N.S.W.

Date: 4th November, 1955.

RECTOR:  
REV. D. R. S. BEGBIE, TH.L.  
THE RECTORY  
4 INGRAM ROAD, WAHROONGA  
TEL. JW 2863

Dear Mr. Maude,

Repeated requests by the men of St. Paul's have led me to venture into establishing a Fellowship designed specifically for them.

To inaugurate this, and to discuss its prospects and plans, I would invite you to a dinner to be held at the Mello-Lite Factory, Pacific Highway, adjacent to Waitara Station, on Thursday, 24th November, at 6.15 p.m. The time chosen will enable you to come straight from business and also ensure an early evening after the proceedings are concluded.

The dinner is to be held at 'Mello-Lite' owing to the inadequate provision which our own Church Hall offers for such a function, and I am grateful to Mr. Pain for making his staff luncheon room available to us.

There has long been a need for an organisation such as this, and it has immense possibilities. As members of a large family sharing similar loyalties, it is essential that we should meet periodically. In this way we can be welded together into a force to be reckoned with in our community, and speak with a united voice.

An interesting and instructive programme is being prepared, and I look forward with confidence to meeting you there.

Enclosed you will find a reply slip to this invitation which I would be grateful if you would return to me before 20th November.

Thanking you in anticipation of your interest and co-operation.

I remain,  
Yours very sincerely,

*Dorothy F. Begbie.*

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

28th November, 1955.

Dear Mr. Pain,

This is just to thank you for your kind letter of the 21st November inviting me to attend the Inaugural Meeting of the St. Paul's, Wahroonga, Men's Fellowship last Thursday night.

As I explained to your secretary by telephone there were two reasons why I unfortunately could not be present. One was a prior undertaking to attend a meeting of the Pacific Islands Society, of which I am the Patron and which a friend of mine was addressing, and the other was the fact that I am not a member of the Church of England so could not very well come in any case.

As it turned out I caught a chill by getting soaked in the rain the day before so was unable to go to my other meeting, but I tried up to the last minute to make it.

I expect every one thinks I am a member of the Church of England because I like to go to your services with my wife from time to time. I myself have no objection to taking part in any of your Church activities, but I should think that your members would have.

Yours sincerely,

*J.L.M.*

R.T.W. Pain, Esq.,  
P.O. Box 40,  
HORNSEY, N.S.W.

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BRANCH FACTORY:  
SEFTON ROAD, THORNLEIGH

21st November, 1955.

Dear

*Mr Maude,*

I am writing to you about the Inaugural Meeting of the St. Paul's, Wahroonga, Men's Fellowship, which is to be held next Thursday night at our Factory at the above address, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

I understand that the Rector has already written to you and whether you have replied or not I am taking the opportunity of writing you to say how earnestly I hope you will be able to come.

I feel that we laymen in the Church of England have been far too complacent in the past to our duties to our Church and we are letting other Churches set us an example which we are all too slow to follow. I feel that the Church is not the Rector and Council, but that it comprises all Church of England members, and particularly the men folk. There has been far too much leaving the responsibility towards one's Church to the women folk and I am right behind our Rector in his efforts to bring home to the men folk their responsibilities. Our Church, with its wonderful heritage and its basis of true Bible teaching, has a task in the community and in the world which it can only carry out with the support of ALL its members. If you read widely you will know the tremendous advance that the various Christian Churches in America have made during the past decade and I feel that we members of the Church of England in Australia cannot, indeed dare not, allow themselves to be left behind.

I feel that on Thursday night there will be a message for you and I again earnestly ask you to make every endeavour to be there.

Please let me know by ringing the above number and asking for me or my Secretary, as I have to arrange with the caterers. The charge for the three course dinner is 7/-d. and the meeting should be finished by 8.30 p.m. at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

*Ronald Hurwin*

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Department of Anthropology

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P.O. BOX 2553  
AUCKLAND  
NEW ZEALAND

5th December, 1955.

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

Dear Mr Maude,

I was glad to hear that your wife is still keen to continue publication of the string figures. The delay must have been dampening for her.

I am still not quite clear on the total position, but will be so after a visit which I am paying to the printers in New Plymouth shortly. In the meantime here are the proofs of the set-up type which the printers say they have on hand. I shall write again in a week or so when I have found out more about the matter.

The Nauru figures sound exciting. I hope your wife will write a book on them. I cannot ask her to consider us, however, until we have made such amends as we can in regard to her Gilbertese contribution.

Yours sincerely,

*W. G. G. G.*

SERIAL

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

5th December, 1955.

Dear Mrs. Donnelly,

Many thanks for the cheque which was duly received.  
I am glad the colour charts are proving of value: we certainly  
use ours a lot, in fact we could not be without them.

Honor joins me in hoping you will both have the best  
Christmas yet. I can't wait for it this time as I retire at  
the end of the year and can start on all the things I wanted to  
do for so long but never had the time.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Christine Donnelly,  
8, Wentworth Avenue,  
BLAKEHURST, N.S.W.

SERIAL

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

6th December, 1955.

Dear Mr. Lambert,

Future Home for Nauruans

With reference to your letter DR.118/6 of the 27th September, I would advise that as Sir Ronald Garvey, the Governor of Fiji, was unable to attend the Seventh Session of the South Pacific Commission held at Noumea last month I discussed the possible reaction of the Fiji Government to the settlement of Nauruans in the Colony with Mr. A.F.R. Stoddard, Colonial Secretary, who was acting as Senior Commissioner in Sir Ronald's place.

My talk with Mr. Stoddard was on a purely informal basis and I did not, of course, indicate that any move of this character was contemplated by the Australian Government or anyone else. Mr. Stoddard had been speaking to me about the Banabans on Rabi Island, as I had been responsible for their settlement there, and I took the opportunity of enquiring what the probable reaction of the Government would be to the immigration into the Colony of further Pacific Island groups, such as the Nauruans.

Mr. Stoddard replied that he did not think that there would be any objection in principle, provided sufficient land for their maintenance could be purchased, but that the Government would almost certainly insist on the Nauruans (or any other group) coming under the same laws and system of Government as the other residents of Fiji. He said that a mistake had been made in permitting the Banabans to carry on the system of local

C.R. Lambert, Esq., C.B.E.,  
Secretary,  
Department of Territories,  
CANBERRA, A. C. T.

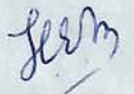
administration that they had been accustomed to in the Gilbert Islands Colony, that he had experienced considerable difficulty in steering the necessary Bill through the Legislative Council, and that even a modified imperium in imperio of this nature did not make for harmonious relations with the remainder of the population.

I gathered that Mr. Stoddard felt that the criterion in deciding whether or not a migrant group could properly be admitted into Fiji should be the degree to which the group was likely to prove ultimately assimilable into the general body of the Fijian population. There would seem to be no objection to the Nauruans on this score, however, as there is every reason to suppose that they would inter-marry with Fijians and other Pacific Islands groups once they had settled down in their new environment.

In my opinion Mr. Stoddard's views are sufficiently encouraging to warrant further enquiries being made in Fiji itself, in the first place to confirm that the Nauruan community would in fact be acceptable settlers and in the second to report on the availability of suitable freehold land.

Should you wish me to undertake either or both of these duties I shall be available from the 1st January, as I am retiring from the Commission at the end of the year. I should be prepared to visit Fiji at any time suitable to yourself, in return for my expenses and a fee.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude

Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Maude

regret that owing to a previous engagement they are unable to accept the kind invitation of the Council and the Principal of the Australian School of Pacific Administration to be present at the Conferring of Diplomas on Tuesday, 6th December, at 2.30 p.m.



The Council and the Principal of the  
Australian School of Pacific Administration

request the honour of the company of  
Mr + Mrs H G Hande

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on the occasion of the

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R. J. V. P.

The Registrar

A. J. O. P. A.

Mosman

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

8th December, 1955.

Dear Mr. Porter,

Sorry not to have replied before to your letter of the 5th November, but I was away when it arrived.

After thinking over your problem it seems to me that the following would be best able to advise you:-

Mr. R.D. Blandy, C.M.G., O.B.E.,  
28, Church Terrace,  
Walkerville, South Australia;

and

Mr. B.F. Blackwell,  
9, Dalley Street,  
Sydney, New South Wales.

Mr. Blandy was the British Resident Commissioner in the New Hebrides during the war years and Mr. Blackwell the Assistant Resident Commissioner. If they don't know the answers themselves they could, in all probability, put you in touch with someone who does.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude

H.S. Porter, Esq.,  
26, Billyard Avenue,  
WAHROONGA, N.S.W.

26 BILLYARD AVENUE,  
MANROONGA, N.S.W.  
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November 5th 1955.

H. E. Maud Esq.,  
South Pacific Commission  
G.P.O. Box 5254  
Sydney.

Dear Mr Maud,

May I once again appeal to you for help in connection with a problem which is puzzling the Pacific Islands Study Circle of the Royal Sydney Philatelic Club.

Certain New Hebrides stamps are known to us which do not bear the usual postmarks but are cancelled with an oval cancellation in blue which reads:

H.B.M. Resident Commissioner  
(Crown)  
New Hebrides.

I think it likely that these were used in 1942, at the time that the occupation of the Group by Japanese Forces was by no means unlikely. It may have been that the ordinary postal stores were removed to prevent their falling into enemy hands.

The above ideas are merely suppositions and we are desirous of establishing what actually happened.

I am wondering if you could place me in contact with some person or persons who would remember what actually occurred? Possibly, alternatively, reports exist which would establish the facts. Perhaps you could indicate where such could be seen?

Thanking you in advance for any help you can give,

Yours sincerely

  
Harry S. Porter

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

8th December, 1955.

Dear Dr. Geddes,

Thank you for your letter of the 5th December on my wife's string figure series, which has just arrived. We shall look forward to hearing from you again after your return from New Plymouth.

I am afraid that the blame for the cessation of these articles must be borne by my wife and not the Polynesian Society, since she should have corrected the last set of proofs and never did. Shortly after they arrived we got side-tracked on to something else and never seemed to get back to them again.

This is just to say that the proofs which you state were enclosed with your letter have not in fact arrived as yet. Possibly they are coming by second-class or surface mail but on the other hand you may still have them ?

Would you please send anything to my home address, as above, in future as I shall be leaving the Commission in a few weeks with the removal of the Social Development section to Noumea.

Yours sincerely,

W.R. Geddes, Esq.,  
Lecturer in Social Anthropology,  
Auckland University College,  
P.O. Box 2553,  
AUCKLAND, New Zealand.

Enclosure

Statement of Elector as to her failure to vote on  
the 10th December, 1955.

I proceeded to my usual polling station at St Andrew's Church, Wahroonga, where I was informed that I was no longer on the roll. As I could not understand why I had been struck off I appealed to a second officer, who confirmed the fact. He asked me whether I had been out of the country recently and, on my replying in the affirmative, stated that this was in all probability the reason for my name no longer appearing on the register. However, I found later, on referring to my card, that temporary absence should not affect the register.

2. I thereupon enquired what my proper course of action should be and was advised to secure a form from the Post Office and re-enroll. As, however, I was anxious to check up what was wrong through some higher authority I went a few days later to the permanent Electoral Office at Chatswood, with my card, where my case was duly investigated.

3. I was then informed that Netherby Street had been removed from its former subdivision to that of Normanhurst, and that I should therefore not have gone to Wahroonga to vote but that, having proceeded there in error, the officers at Wahroonga should have told me of the alteration in the subdivisional boundary. They thereupon amended my card for me.

4. I submit that I did all in my power to vote and was prevented from doing so by incorrect information given to me by the officers at the polling station.

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OUTWARDS CABLE

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THE SECRETARIAT  
SUVA, FIJI

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE :

GKR/55.

17 December, 1955.

Dear Harry,

I am very grateful to you for sending me the simply magnificent review of "Fijian Way of Life", which has given me such a shock that I will have difficulty in getting over it, but I do hope that it will have helped with the sale of another copy or two on the American continent.

*Letter to e/40*

We have had a visit from Douglas Pearce this week and I hope he has made some really useful contacts with the right people over here although the time that he could spend with us was much too short.

We are looking forward to the remains of the Executive Officer on the occasion of the South Pacific Conference and perhaps he might in the meantime like to consider the possibility of suggesting that the Social Development Section should be re-established in Suva rather than take the retrograde step of going back to Noumea.

Again with many thanks and all the best to all of you for Christmas,

Yours ever,

*Kingsley Rott*

H.E. Maude, Esq., O.B.E.,  
South Pacific Commission,  
Box 5254, G.P.O.,  
SYDNEY.



OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER,  
GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS  
COLONY.

GILBERT & ELLICE

No. P.F. 92.

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The Secretary to the Government of the  
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony presents his  
compliments to Mr. H. E. Maude and has the honour  
to forward a copy of the Secretary to Government's  
letter No. PF. 92 of 16th September, 1955, as  
requested.

Tarawa Island,  
19th December, 1955.



No. ....

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER,  
GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS  
COLONY.

Bairiki, Tarawa,  
16th September, 1955.  
P.F. 92.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has approved the Report on the Civil Service of the Western Pacific High Commission by Mr. R.O. Ramage, C.M.G., as modified, with effect from 1st January, 1954, (known as the "date of effect").

2. The terms which will be applied from the date of effect will be Salary Structure (including Pay Differential), Disturbance Pay, Headquarters Allowance and Widows and Orphans Pensions Scheme Contributions. Other matters dealt with in the Report came into effect from 1st June, 1955.

3. I am to inform you that the revised salary of Resident Commissioner will be £A2,220 with Pay Differential of £A600, and that, should you opt to accept the terms of the revision, your pension contributions will be based on the revised figure with effect from the date of effect.

4. I am to say that, consequent upon paragraph 429 of the Report, Conditions of service will in future deal only with major conditions as follows:-

- (i) Salary structure;
- (ii) Superannuation;
- (iii) Leave and Passages;
- (iv) Rent of Government quarters.

Acceptance of this revision means acceptance of all the above major conditions with the exception of Superannuation. The recommendations contained in Chapter XIII of the Report (Superannuation) are still under consideration by the Secretary of State and it is likely to be some time before a final decision is reached. In order not to hold up the Salaries Revision implementations, it has been necessary to exclude Superannuation from this option. Provided, however, that you accept the option described in this letter any improvements in Superannuation which may eventually result will be automatically applied to you. If the Superannuation proposals, which are eventually approved, would lead to a deterioration in a serving officer's conditions of service relating to Superannuation, his existing rights will not be changed without his consent.

5. I am now to request that you inform me, within 3 months of receipt of this letter, whether you desire to accept or reject the 1954 Salaries Revision.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*R. Hutt* 50

M/Secretary to Government.

H. E. Maude Esq.,  
Member for Social Development,  
South Pacific Commission,  
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BOX 4, G.P.O.  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

20th December, 1955

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

Dear Harry,

I have enquired from the Registrar of the Canberra University College regarding the possibility of Alaric wishing to enrol at the Canberra University College after the year has begun. The Registrar tells me that they have discretion to accept students in these circumstances. The main question which they would take into account would be the opinion of the Lecturers concerned as to whether he stood a fair chance of getting through the work by the end of the year. This would depend, I gather, largely on their assessment of his ability and of his previous knowledge of subjects. <sup>his</sup> If you knew you would be coming to Canberra, they would probably urge Alaric to start his course here as soon as possible, rather than continue at Sydney, where the syllabus in most subjects seems to be rather different.

Yours sincerely,

*Jim Davidson*

(J.W. Davidson)

*With best wishes to you all for Xmas and  
the New Year.*

21st December, 1955.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt, on the 11th November, of your letter No. P.F.92 of the 16th September, informing me that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has approved the Report on the Civil Service of the Western Pacific High Commission, by Mr. R.O. Ramage, C.M.G., as modified.

2. In accordance with the request contained in paragraph 5 of your letter I desire to convey formally my acceptance of the 1954 Salaries Revision.

3. The reservation on the subject of superannuation, set out in paragraph 4 of your letter, has been duly noted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



H.E. Maude

The Secretary to Government,  
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony,  
TARAWA ISLAND, Gilbert Islands,  
Central Pacific.

SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION  
NOUMEA  
NEW CALEDONIA

December 21, 1955

Dear Harry,

I want to take this opportunity to send a special and personal Merry Christmas and Happy New Year greeting to you and yours. We feel very much that the Maudes and the Bedells are to a very great extent kindred spirits and we look forward to the opportunities that the future may hold for us to see you and enjoy your company. All of you have been especially nice to us and Mrs. Bedell and I want you to know we sincerely appreciate your many courtesies.

Our very best wishes and highest regards to you.

Cordially,



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

Onerahi, Whangarei, N.Z.,  
23 Decr., 1955.

Dear Harry,

The enclosure will be of interest. It is a complete surprise to me, but I suppose 13 return voyages made over the Joyita's course may be part of the reason why they chose me. (I wonder if it would impress Frank Eyre.)

We leave on 31 January for Apia, after an absence of 9 years in my case, and of 12 years by my good wife, who is going along, not at Govt. expense, to visit with old friends. Me too.

This should arrive somewhere near your retirement date. We both do send you all the best wishes, and hope you will enjoy what you so greatly deserve.

Yours sincerely,

  
C.G.R. McKay

H.E. Maude, Esq., O.B.E.,  
Wahroonga, N.S.W.

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

23rd December, 1955.

Dear Miss Mander Jones,

Many thanks indeed for kindly sending me a copy of the new Mitchell Library Periodical Index, which is naturally of great interest to me. I hope to complete my main bibliography of the Central Pacific Equatorial Islands before long now and your Index will be of value in this connexion, and many others. I am leaving the Commission at the end of this month and hope to be able to work regularly in the Mitchell during next year. I have two small research projects on Pacific history to complete and that can be done nowhere else.

... I enclose what seems to be my latest library ticket and should be most grateful if you could have it renewed for me.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Phyllis Mander Jones, B.A.,  
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H.E. Maude, Esq.,  
Social Development Section,  
South Pacific Commission,  
Box 5254, G.P.O.,  
SYDNEY.

12th December, 1955

The Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales have pleasure in announcing the publication of a Periodical Index compiled in the Mitchell Library and covering the period July 1949 - December 1951.

This continues the Index previously published covering the period January 1944 to June 1949, and like it, this continuation is confined to the Library's field, which is Australia, New Zealand, the South West Pacific and the Antarctic. It is a subject index to periodicals not indexed elsewhere. The price is £1.1.0, including postage, and copies of the index for 1944 - 1949 are still available at the same price.

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*Phyllis Mander Jones*  
MITCHELL LIBRARIAN.

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SYDNEY.

28th December, 1955

H.E. Maude, Esq.,  
2, Netherby St.  
WAHROONGA.

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thank you for your note about the Mitchell Library Periodical Index. We already have in card form an index covering the period 1952 - 1955 which we should be glad to make available to you when you visit the library.

I am interested to hear that you are going to devote yourself to your research work on Pacific history and we look forward to being of service to you.

Your library ticket is being forwarded to you under separate cover.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Sep. Cov.

Yours sincerely,

*Phyllis Mander Jones*

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Bairiki, Tarawa Island.

31st December, 1955.

P.F. 92.

HERE  
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11:45 AM

Dear Harry

Your letters of 24th November with enclosures, about your impending retirement from the South Pacific Commission and resultant retirement from the Colony Service, arrived here on Christmas day. I have had telegraphic authority from the High Commissioner to pay your monthly salary on the 31st January, 1956, and the Accountant General will be writing to Burns Philp authorising them to do this monthly until the end of your leave.

2. In reply to your telegram of 16th December the following is a copy of a telegram saving which His Excellency wrote on the 24th February, 1949, in reply to one which you had written just before you left, in order to make quite clear of your leave entitlement:-

"Your telegram saving No. 357 Saving, Leave due to Maude. Maude was due ten months leave as at 30th November, 1948. I enclose a statement showing the computation. The discrepancy from your calculation is because the leave at Item 4 in enclosure II of your Saving Telegram under reference should have been divided into two parts for the purpose of calculating leave and leave subsequent to 1.1.41 should have been calculated under the leave rules effective from that date."

"CALCULATION OF LEAVE DUE.

	Y	M	D	=	Vacation L. due	Half Pay L. due
16.11.29 - 21.7.32	2	8	6	=	3 m. 29 d.	5 11
11.11.32 - 6.5.35	2	5	26	=	3 m. 21 d.	4 29
5. 5.36 - 4.10.39	3	5	0	=	5 m. 3 d.	6 25
8. 2.40 - 31.12.40		10	21	=	1 m. 7 d.	1 23
1. 1.41 - 2.10.41		9	20	=	1 m. 15 d.	
5.11.41 - 15.4.45	3	5	11	=	6 m. 25 d.	
22.8. 45 - 6.6.47	1	9	16	=	3 m. 15 d.	
27. 4.48 - 30.11.48		7	4	=	1 m. 5 d.	

27.m. 0 d. 18 28

Vacation Eligible 27. 0  
Taken 20. 22 6 8

Half Pay Eligible 18. 28  
Taken 5. 15  
6. 0 11. 15

7. 13 = 3 22

10. 0 "

As far as I can make out these calculations are quite correct and so presumably your leave will expire on 31st October, 1956, and your pension will start on the 1st November. I will now put in hand the various computations to work out your final pension.

3. I hope you now you are going to retire you will be able to rest and relax a bit, but I have no doubt that we shall see a string of treatises

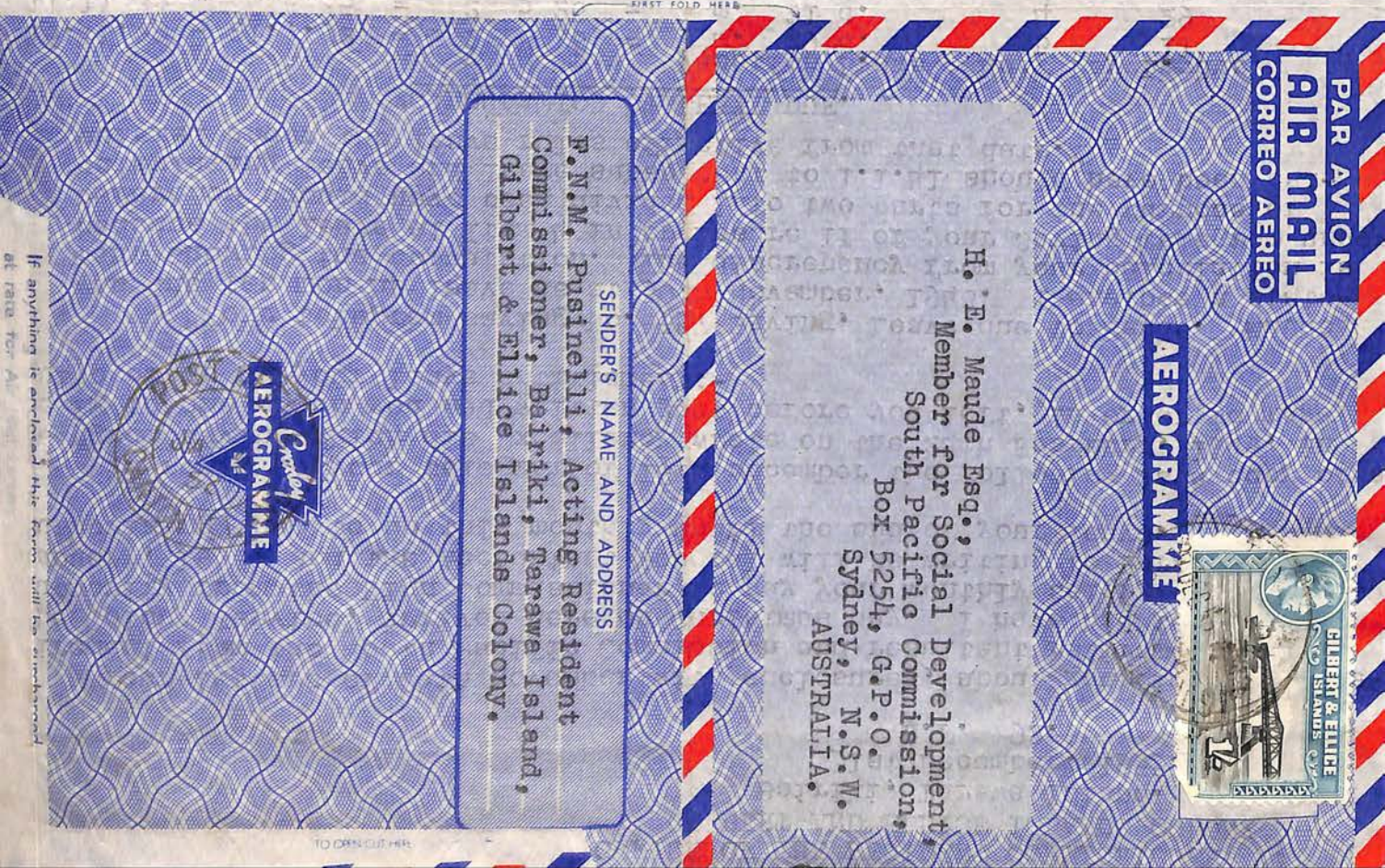
on pacific affairs, under your name.

4. Joan arrived on Christmas Eve, <sup>love</sup> and we had a party almost every night this last week. I hope that you and Honour also had a merry Christmas and Joan joins with me in wishing you both the very best over the years to come.

Yours sincerely,

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(F.N.M. Pusinelli)  
Acting Resident Commissioner.

P.S. By the way, have you opted for reduced or full pension yet, if you have not, would you get this in fairly soon as it will ~~step~~ <sup>open</sup> up the final computation of your pension.



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If anything is enclosed this form will be returned at rate for A.

TO OPEN CUT HERE

11 Bayswater Rd.,

LINDFIELD,

26th March 1955.

Dear Mr. Maude,

This fragmentary file, in which a large proportion of the 600 odd entries are your own cards, is all I have to show for over 70 hours work.

As you will see, all I have attempted so far is to discover the size of the field as rapidly as possible by finding entries in bibliographies, catalogues and periodical indices, though a few of the entries come from the actual books. Usually I have noted the source in which the entry was first located. Where the same item was encountered in other bibliographies I have not noted them also, unless added particulars were given. I have not at this stage worried very much about bibliographical form, but in most cases taken the entry as I found it. There are a number of discrepancies in dates, pagination, etc., but most of them will iron themselves out when further bibliographies etc. are checked, even if the actual article or book is not available for checking. The Mitchell subject cards for the older entries are very sketchy, but they can of course be checked against the books.

This preliminary check is by no means finished. Much of the Maude Collection has still to be listed. In the Mitchell Library I have not checked their catalogues of Pacific Island Literature, Manuscripts, Periodical Articles or Newspaper indices, nor have I finished checking the subject cards in their main catalogue. In the Public Library there are periodical indices (notably the International index, Subject Index of the English Library Association, and early years of the Readers' Guide) still unchecked. Serial publications such as the Journal of the Polynesian Society, the Pacific Islands Monthly and the various Museum publications have not yet been checked, though some articles from them have been noted from other sources. And of course there are numerous bibliographies.

It will take another 70 hours or so to complete the preliminary check. I find it almost impossible to estimate how long it would take to turn the preliminary file into a proper subject bibliography. As well as the work of locating the material in various libraries and checking some hundreds of title pages for correct details of publisher, date, etc., many books and articles will have to be skimmed to discover the subjects and exact areas treated. I should think that it could not be less than 4 or 5 months full time work for one person; it would probably take much longer.

I should like to add more to this file - the Mitchell closed on me the other night when I was just starting on a most promising botanical bibliography (Merrill. 1947) - but I shall wait until I receive permission to clock up more hours.

Yours faithfully,

Joyce Monro

29<sup>th</sup> March.

As the Univ. lib. copy of Merrill, which I had requested from them earlier, turned up I finished checking it at home.

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*Prepared by Dr. J. S. Cumpston Australian Council, Noumea &  
handed to Mr. Maude at the 7th Research Council Meeting, July, 1955.  
Discussed with Dr. Cumpston & agreed that no specific action  
could be taken by the S.P.C. at the present time.*

HISTORICAL RESEARCH IN THE PACIFIC

*Adm.  
4-7-55*

Some thought has in the past been given by the South Pacific Commission to the inclusion in its activities of a programme of historical research. While there has been general agreement as to the need for such a programme it has as yet been given a low priority in the list of Commission activities.

The formation of a Committee of Pacific Historians as a preliminary to the holding of a Conference of Pacific Historians was considered at some length in a paper presented to the Research Council in 1952. In this paper it was rightly pointed out that the development and co-ordination of Pacific historical research is of such immediate practical importance to native welfare that the Commission cannot afford to neglect it in any balanced programme of work. It was proposed that a Committee consisting of a recognised authority from each of the member Governments be formed with an officer of the Social Development section as secretary. This Committee would have as its object the Conservation of Historical Sites and Records and the promotion of Historical Studies relating to the South Pacific.

The greater part of the paper then dealt with the preservation and collection of records of historical importance. The need for good histories of the various areas of the South Pacific was stressed in the closing paragraphs and it was left to the Committee to consider and recommend measures for the production of such histories, including the allocation of areas for field work by the institutions of each of the metropolitan countries.

In a further paper prepared for the Fifth Meeting of the Research Council, held in 1953, it was suggested that the Committee should advise on all aspects of the Commission's historical conservation programme, and in particular on the co-ordination of historical research by learned institutions.

Of the two fields suggested, historical research is the one needing most attention. While the collection of Pacific material has been going on for many years by a large number of institutions and private collectors, there is as yet no good comprehensive history of the Pacific, and very few good histories of particular areas. Even now there is very little real historical research being carried out despite the ample material available and the large number of countries that have interests in the Pacific.

Anyone familiar with Pacific history is only too well aware of the vast amount that remains to be written, not only since the coming of the European but also in the pre-European period. The peoples of the Pacific are asking for and are entitled to know their own history. It is at present denied to them. The Universities are in a position to make a very real contribution in this field but research workers from Universities working for limited periods are apt to be handicapped by lack of real knowledge of the area.

One has only to examine a library catalogue to see that some of the best historical works are prepared by learned judges, newspaper men, retired sea-captains, scientists and many others who have made a life study of a particular subject. Their knowledge is extensive and they are able to evaluate source material and know where it is to be found. Many of them are feeding valuable material into libraries and other repositories. They usually have a circle of friends with similar interests. Apart from these people there is also the historically minded public servant who may sometimes make an invaluable contribution.

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While many of these people live within the Commission's area, others are found in all parts of the world. Unfortunately not all of them have a proper appreciation of the rules leading to successful historical writing and much of their effort is wasted.


One answer to the problem of co-ordinating and directing the activities of these enthusiasts, who give so freely of their services and their time, is the formation of an Association of Pacific Historians, the membership of which shall be open to any person who has any interest in Pacific history. The Association should have as its object the preservation of a continuous historical record of the Pacific. It is important that the Association should circulate a paper at regular intervals. This should not aim at reproducing historical material but rather should concentrate on the mechanics of the writing of Pacific histories. Its articles should record such things as the completion of new historical works, visits of persons with historical interests to the area, and the location of new material. It should also list the various people who are working on historical projects. Experience will soon show the best lines of approach. A subscription to the Australian Press-Cutting service to cover items dealing with Pacific history would provide a number of useful suggestions for items.

This journal would serve to bring together those with similar interests and to avoid confusion and overlapping. It would assist the enthusiastic amateur, who so often forgets to put the date on press cuttings or details on photographs, to be more accurate in his work.

It would also help to ensure the preservation of historical material in private hands. The micro-filming of documents with a simple portable equipment is very simple and details of this equipment could be made available to those who wish to use it. Many historical writers would find micro-film a very great help and some could afford to have their own equipment.

Once established the Association would be able to help with the placing of suitable manuscripts with publishers.

In view of the value of accurate historical material to almost every one of the activities of the South Pacific Commission, the formation of such an Association is a matter to which the Commission should give serious consideration. If it were to feel that it could offer to provide the services of someone who could act as a part-time Secretary the success of such an Association should be assured. Social Development Section has already carried out some very useful work on the preservation and recording of historical material and this further extension of its activities would increase the value of its work considerably.

  
(J. S. Cumpston)