

2 Netherby Street,  
Wahroonga, N.S.W.,  
15th April, 1956.

Professor George P. Murdock,  
Department of Anthropology,  
Yale University,  
NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, U.S.A.

Dear Professor Murdock,

I am sorry not to have replied before to your kind letter on my resignation as Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee on Anthropology and the Social Sciences for the Ninth Pacific Science Congress, but I was delaying pending the resolution of my plans for my own future.

Unfortunately these are still rather fluid, but I should be in a position to give a definite answer one way or another within the next few weeks, if that is not too late.

As I have already told Brenda Bishop, the point is that if I decide to go back to an administrative job in the islands (and I have had one or two rather tempting offers) I shall really not be able to act as Co-Chairman. But if, as I rather expect, I take on a research post at the Australian National University then I should be willing to continue, as you seem to want me too.

But I should have to obtain the permission of the Head of the Department (Pacific History) and make sure that I am given time to really tackle the job. The Commission was not, of course, interested and opposed my having any connexion with the Congress work.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.



2 Netherby Street,  
Wahroonga, N.S.W.,  
11th April, 1956.

Miss Brenda Bishop,  
Pacific Science Council Secretariat,  
Bernice P. Bishop Museum,  
HONOLULU 17, Hawaii.

Dear Miss Bishop,

Forgive me for not having replied before to your kind letter of the 4th January, but I was delaying pending the resolution of my own plans for the future.

These are, in point of fact, still rather fluid, but I hope to be in a position to give you a definite answer within a few weeks now, if that is all right by you.

In brief, if I decide to go back to an administrative job in the islands (and I have had one or two rather tempting offers) I shall really not be able to act as Co-Chairman. But if, as I rather expect, I find myself at the Australian National University in a research post then I am willing to continue (as you seem to want me to), provided Professor Davidson is willing to give me time off to really tackle the job. I have had a preliminary discussion with him and he seems to be favourably disposed.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.



THE PACIFIC SCIENCE COUNCIL  
SECRETARIAT

BERNICE P. BISHOP MUSEUM  
HONOLULU 17, HAWAII

The Council is the executive body of *The Pacific Science Association* established in 1920 by principal scientific organizations representing countries within or bordering the Pacific or with interests therein.

4 January 1956

Dear Mr. Maude:

I would like to pretend that your letter of 5th December 1955 got lost in the mail. Will you not please reconsider tendering your resignation?

It could be that circumstances will permit your attending the Congress and we will all hope that we will be seeing you there, but even if that proved impossible there is a great deal that can be done to help the Congress organizers in their planning beforehand. At the Eighth Congress Social Sciences turned into a sort of collection of subjects which were, in the opinion of Professor Beyer, not quite anthropology -- an arrangement which was criticized by the Pacific Science Council. It seems to me that you could, working with Dr. Murdock and Professor Elkin, do a lot towards helping the Thai Congress over that hurdle.

A strong Standing Committee report is also very important to successful meetings, as it tends to set a tone for the discussions, and you are in a good position to organize such a report, being fresh from the 'field of battle' and free to evaluate the work that is being achieved in social sciences.

I am delaying sending your letter to President Tan in the hope that you will be persuaded to stay on as co-chairman. I am sorry for the Commission in that they have lost your services, but glad that we will be reading more of your own researches.

Sincerely yours,

Brenda Bishop  
Secretary

Mr. H. E. Maude  
c/o P.O. Box 5254, G.P.O.  
Sydney, N.S.W., Australia



YALE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

December 14, 1955

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



Dear Mr. Maude:

Miss Brenda Bishop informs me that you have tendered your resignation as Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee on Anthropology and the Social Sciences for the 9th Pacific Science Congress. I am most distressed to hear this, and earnestly hope that you will reconsider the matter and withdraw your resignation. I consider you by far the best qualified man for the position and know of no one else who would be an adequate substitute. I feel that there is more than a reasonable chance that some way may be found to assist you financially to attend the Bangkok Congress and I will do everything in my power to help make it possible for us to renew our pleasant and profitable association.

Sincerely yours

George P. Murdock

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*Water file this year  
should be a personal one  
and added to me on the  
1st Jan'y.*



5th December, 1955.

Dear Miss Bishop,

As I am retiring from the South Pacific Commission at the end of this year and shall no longer be associated with work in the social sciences (I am taking up research in Pacific history) I regret that I have no option but to tender my resignation as a Co-Chairman of the Anthropology and Social Sciences Standing Committee.

I am afraid that, owing to a variety of unforeseeable circumstances, I have not been able to organize the work of this Committee. My main handicap was the pressure of my official duties, which effectively precluded me from engaging in activities not included in the Commission work programme. Unfortunately, while I will have more leisure after the 1st January I shall no longer be in a financial position to attend the next Pacific Science Congress and must perforce request my substitution as Co-Chairman by someone who will be actively connected with the work of preparation.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude

Miss Brenda Bishop,  
Secretary, Pacific Science Council,  
Bernice P. Bishop Museum,  
HONOLULU 17, Hawaii.



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30th March 1954

Dear Sir Brian,

... I am forwarding herewith a copy of a letter from Dr. Vidal A. Tan, President of the Eighth Pacific Science Congress, asking me to accept appointment as Chairman of the Social Sciences Group of the Standing Committee on Anthropology and Social Sciences of the Pacific Science Association.

... I also enclose a letter from Professor G.P. Murdock notifying me of his acceptance as Chairman of the parallel Anthropology Group of the Standing Committee. The idea apparently is that we should serve as Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee on Anthropology and the Social Sciences.

I was nominated, among others, for this position at a special meeting of members of the Social Sciences Division of the Eighth Pacific Science Congress at Manila, but stated that I did not wish to be considered as a candidate, though I was willing to act as Secretary if need be. On being asked who I considered should serve as Chairman instead, I gave the names of six eminent social scientists. I am at a loss, therefore, to understand why I have been chosen, especially since, as a member of the Drafting Committee, I again had my name excluded from the list of three or four scientists which we submitted to President Tan for his guidance in selecting the Chairman.

Under the circumstances I propose to decline the honour on the grounds that I am unlikely to be connected with the Commission by the time of the next Congress (since my contract will have expired by then); or indeed connected with Pacific affairs at all, and still more unlikely to be in a position to attend at Bangkok, though this is not an essential requirement (e.g., Beaglehole, the last Chairman, did not come to Manila).

Probably my real reason is a more personal one, i.e. that I am not of sufficient scientific standing to be Co-Chairman (with a world authority such as Professor Murdock) over a committee consisting of 16 of the leading anthropologists and social scientists working in the Pacific region.

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



Before doing so, however, I felt that I should consult you as I think it possible that I have been asked to take over the chairmanship by virtue of my position as a member of the Commission staff, and that you may therefore consider it my duty to accept, as it presumably adds to the Commission's prestige and scientific standing.

In that case I have no particular objection, as I should regard it as part of my official job and would set to work forthwith on selecting my committee and planning the divisional programme, a subject on which I have rather definite views. We do not want a dormant Committee like last time, and the success of the divisional programme at the Ninth Congress is essentially dependent on a re-definition of its scope and content. This should really come before the committee are selected as membership should to a large extent be dependent on the programme.

Yours sincerely,



cc: Dr. E.M. Ojala.

P.S. As I go to press I see a letter from Brenda Bishop, the Secretary of the Pacific Science Council Secretariat, on the subject of this correspondence. I am therefore forwarding a copy, together with its enclosures, so that you will be posted up-to-date.

THE PACIFIC SCIENCE COUNCIL  
SECRETARIAT

BERNICE P. BISHOP MUSEUM  
HONOLULU 17, HAWAII



22 March 1954

Dear Mr. Maude:

I do hope that you will accept President Tan's invitation to be a co-chairman of the Anthropology and Social Sciences Standing Committee. After the efforts you and Dr. Elkin had to put in to gathering up some sort of a committee before the last Congress I wouldn't blame you for regarding our committees with deep suspicion, but I hope you will reflect that it is easier to be in at the beginning than at the end.

The background on the enclosed suggestions to the Committee on Anthropology and Social Sciences is explained in the letter to Dr. Murdock. Now I come to read those suggestions I am certainly filled with awe as to what the division expected you to accomplish.

John de Young, whom you met in the Philippines, was talking about going down to Thailand about this time, taking some of his sociology students to work with the Cornell group there. I don't know if he will actually go through with his plan, but perhaps you would like to write him to find out along what lines the standing committee program can be planned so it can be a help to the Ninth Congress. The Thais do seem receptive to the idea that the Standing Committees could be a tremendous help and aware that a good deal of help will be needed. John de Young's address is:

Social Science Research Center  
University of the Philippines  
Quezon City

His book on his work in Thailand is due soon from the University of California Press and I'll send you a note on it when I find out the details. Dr. Pendleton was also preparing a geography of Thailand but I don't know whether his illness has prevented completion. I'll try to find out on that.

Kindest regards,

*Brenda Bishop*  
Brenda Bishop  
Secretary

cc Dr. Murdock



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22 March 1954

Dear Dr. Murdock:

I was very pleased to receive the copy of your letter to President Tan and to know that you would take on the job with the Anthropology and Social Sciences Committee.

I think you will remember from the Council discussions you sat in on that the Council is concerned in case at the next Congress there is that division into a social science section and an anthropology section, which leads to people wanting to be in two places at one time, and also that pre-history is something apart from other branches of anthropology and social science. Hal Conklin can tell you how the Pre-History Association is progressing, but I know that the Council does not want the existence of that group to restrict our coverage of anthropology and social science. I know I sound unduly fierce on this, but because of the relations between the Siam Society and the Science Society of Thailand (the latter being our hosts) the situation is going to be a little delicate in this particular field. Enclosed is a copy of my report to the Council which covers some of this. I hope Dr. Groslier can come up with some happier compromise than the one I have suggested.

Some of the resolutions submitted to the Pacific Science Council by Divisions of the Eighth Congress suggested courses of action to be taken by the Standing Committees. Article 13 of the Constitution of the Pacific Science Association states that "the Committee shall be organized by the Chairman." In order not to infringe on this independence of Committee Chairmen, the Council decided that these suggestions by Divisions would not be accepted as resolutions but would be passed on to Committee Chairmen without comment. Attached are the Divisional suggestions to the Standing Committee on Anthropology and Social Sciences.

I look forward to hearing news of your committee's activities. As you know, if there is anything I can do to help, that is what I am here for.

Kindest regards,

Brenda Bishop  
Secretary

cc w/encl Mr. Maude



To the Committee on Anthropology and Social Sciences in the Pacific Area.

"That research should be substantially expanded and strengthened in the following fields:

1. The status of and prospects for economic development, with emphasis on the interrelations of physical, biological, economic, social, and demographic factors in development plans and activities.
2. The official statistical activities of governments, including particularly population and economic censuses, vital statistics, and current reports on the status of the labor force employment, economic development, and social welfare.
3. The development of selected socio-economic benchmarks at the household level within a generally comparable frame of reference for each of the countries in the region.
4. The population problem in the individual countries and implications of present rates of population growth for programs of economic development designed to increase levels of living and advance human welfare.

Considering the urgent need for systematic surveys and synthesis in the field of anthropological studies in the Pacific Area, it is urgently requested that the newly appointed Standing Committee on Anthropology and Social Sciences study first:

- a. The establishment of ethnic maps on standard basis.
- b. The systematic discrimination and completion of standard word lists throught the Pacific, mainly for the Malayo-Polynesian languages.
- c. The establishment, discrimination and completion of standard technological cards and lists throughout the Pacific for the comparative studies of the material civilizations."

Note: "b" above in a slightly different form is one of the resolutions of the Congress. Perhaps you would let me know sometime whether it was "dissemination" or "discrimination" that was intended, so that I can send the correct version on the Dr. Valenzuela for the Proceedings.



STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The following have been nominated by President Vidal A. Tan to be Chairmen of Standing Committees of the Pacific Science Association:

Geology and Geophysics of the Pacific	Dr. Preston E. Cloud, Jr. Heau, Paleontology Branch U.S. Geological Survey Washington 25, D.C.
Pacific Meteorology	Dr. A.F. Spilhaus Dean, Institute of Technology University of Minnesota Minneapolis, Minnesota
Pacific Oceanography	Mr. D.J. Rochford Division of Fisheries, C.S.I.R.O. Cronulla, N.S.W., Australia
Pacific Zoology	Dr. H. Boschma Directeur, Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie Leiden, Netherlands
Pacific Entomology	Dr. J.L. Gressitt Bernice P. Bishop Museum Honolulu 17, Hawaii
Pacific Botany	Dr. F.R. Fosberg, Pacific Vegetation Project c/o National Research Council Washington 25, D.C.
Pacific Conservation	Dr. D.L. Serventy Wildlife Branch, C.S.I.R.O. Perth, Western Australia
Museums in Pacific Research	Dr. Robert C. Miller Director, California Academy of Science San Francisco 18, California
Soil and Land Classification in the Pacific Area	Dr. R.E. Storie University of California Berkeley 4, California



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Forest Resources of the  
Pacific Area

Mr. George S. Brown  
Acting Conservator of Forests  
Sandakan, North Borneo

Crop Improvement in the  
Pacific Area

Mr. E.F. Allan  
Department of Agriculture  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaya

Coconut Problems in the  
Pacific Area

Dr. Joaquin Marañon  
Director,  
Institute of Science and  
Technology  
Manila, Philippines

Animal Improvement in the  
Pacific Area

Rector Luang Suwan  
College of Agriculture  
Krasetsart University  
Bangkhen, Bangkok  
Thailand

Chemistry in the development  
of natural resources in  
the Pacific Area

Dr. Amando Clemente  
Department of Chemistry  
University of the Philippines  
Quezon City, Philippines

Medical Sciences and Public  
Health in the Pacific  
area

Dr. Karl F. Meyer  
Director  
The George Williams Hooper  
Foundation  
University of California Medical  
Center  
San Francisco 22, California

Anthropology and Social  
Sciences in the Pacific

Co-Chairmen --

Dr. G.P. Mardock  
Yale University  
New Haven, Connecticut

Mr. H.E. Maude  
Executive Officer for Social  
Development  
South Pacific Commission  
Sydney, N.S.W., Australia



YALE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

March 15, 1954

Mr. H. E. Maude,  
South Pacific Commission,  
Box 5254, GPO,  
Sydney, N.E.W., Australia



Dear Mr. Maude:

Enclosed is a copy of my acceptance as Chairman of the Anthropology Group of the Standing Committee on Anthropology and Social Sciences of the Pacific Science Association. I hope that you have accepted the parallel appointment as Chairman of the Social Science Group, for it would be a pleasure to serve with you as co-chairmen of the Standing Committee.

Assuming from President Tan's letter that each of us would appoint other members of the Standing Committee from his own Group, I have invited eight men to serve on the Standing Committee; their names and functions are listed on another enclosure. These names were selected on the basis of discussions in Manila with Elkin, Groslier, Bowles, and others. I assume that you will similarly appoint members of the Standing Committee in the field of the Social Sciences. Presumably it is up to the two of us to decide whether our respective appointees will form a single Standing Committee with two co-chairmen or two coordinate committees with a chairman of each. I rather favor the former, but if you prefer the latter I shall be glad to accept your decision.

I have a number of suggestions to make. The first is that Dr. B. F. Groslier be designated by you as well as me as Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee with the specific responsibility of organizing a sub-committee to work with the Thailand organizers of the Ninth Congress in planning the programs in anthropology and social science. He is especially qualified for two reasons. First, he is located not far from Bangkok, which he ordinarily visits once or twice a year, and is therefore in a better position than you or I to get to know the Thailand people in our fields and to work out concretely with them arrangements suggested by the members of our Standing Committee. Second, he is President (or Chairman?) of the Fifth Far-Eastern Prehistory Congress, which will meet at Bangkok either with or immediately preceding the Ninth Pacific Science Congress, and he will thus be in a good position to work out a coordination and division of labor between the two.

You have, of course, full freedom to appoint members of the Standing Committee for the Social Science Group. I suggest, however, that you consider Harry Hawthorn of the University of British Columbia and Irene Taeuber of Princeton University as possibilities. Also, on the basis of discussions in Manila, I think it would be an excellent idea to appoint one member of the Standing Committee [someone like De Young, perhaps] with the responsibility of organizing a Sub-Committee on Social Welfare and to help plan an extensive program on this subject for the Bangkok meetings. This would serve to draw off the enthusiastic "do-gooders" from such sessions as those on acculturation and demography which require especially thoughtful scientific discussion; they ruined many of the Social Sciences sessions in Manila.

Sincerely yours,  
George P. Murdock George P. Murdock



March 12, 1954

President Vidal A. Tan  
University of Philippines  
Quezon City, Philippines

Dear President Tan:

I am honored at the invitation, in your letter of February 22, 1954, to serve as Chairman of the Anthropology Group of the Standing Committee on Anthropology and Social Sciences of the Pacific Science Association, and I accept with pleasure. I shall be glad indeed to work with Mr. H.E. Maude as Co-Chairman for the Social Science Group.

I assume that Mr. Maude will make appointments to the Standing Committee in the field of Social Science. I will work out with him whether the standing Committee will be a single one or divided into an Anthropology and a Social Science Division. For the Anthropology Group I am inviting the following to serve as members of the Standing Committee:

1. Roger Duff of New Zealand.
2. A.P. Elkin of Australia.
3. Bernard P. Groslier of Vietnam, representing France.
4. A. Kolt of Germany.
5. Cecilio Lopez of the Philippines.
6. T. Matsumi of Japan.
7. Alexander Spoehr of Hawaii.
8. Jan Van Esal, Governor of Netherlands New Guinea, representing the Netherlands.

I am asking Dr. Groslier because of his nearness to Bangkok and his close contact with anthropologists in Thailand, to act as Vice-Chairman for the Standing Committee and to organize a Sub-Committee to work with the organizers of the Ninth Congress in planning the program of our division. I am also asking Dr. Duff to organize a Sub-Committee on Culture History, Dr. Kolt to organize a Sub-Committee on Anthropogeography, Dr. Lopez to organize a Sub-Committee on Linguistics, and Dr. Spoehr to organize a Sub-Committee on Social Anthropology.

The Eighth Pacific Science Congress was highly successful, and I should like to extend to you and your associates my congratulations for your efforts and accomplishments in organizing the Congress.

With cordial personal regards, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

George P. Murdock



Invited Membership of the Standing Committee  
on Anthropology and Social Sciences, Anthropology Group

Pacific Science Association

- Professor George P. Murdock, Chairman, representing the United States.  
Address: Department of Anthropology, Yale University, New Haven, Conn., U.S.A.
- Dr. Bernard P. Groslier, Vice Chairman and Chairman of a special Sub-Committee on Program, representing France. Address: Ecole Francaise d'Extreme Orient, Museum, Saigon, Vietnam.
- Dr. Roger Duff, Chairman of Sub-Committee on Culture History, representing New Zealand. Address: Canterbury Museum, Christchurch, New Zealand.
- Professor A.P. Elkin, representing Australia. Address: Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.
- Dr. A. Kolb, Chairman of Sub-Committee on Anthropogeography, representing Germany. Address: Geographisches Institut, Hamburg 13, Germany.
- Professor Cecilio Lopez, Chairman of Sub-Committee on Linguistics, representing the Philippines. Address: Department of Oriental Languages, University of the Philippines, Quezon City, Philippines.
- Professor Toichi Mabuchi, representing Japan. Address: Tokyo Metropolitan University, Tokyo, Japan.
- Dr. Alexander Spoehr, Chairman of Sub-Committee on Social Anthropology, representing Hawaii. Address: Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Dr. Jan Van Baal, representing the Netherlands. Address: Governor's Mansion, Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea.



PACIFIC SCIENCE ASSOCIATION  
EIGHTH PACIFIC SCIENCE CONGRESS  
TO BE HELD IN THE PHILIPPINES  
UNDER THE AUSPICE OF THE  
NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF THE PHILIPPINES  
QUEZON CITY



February 22, 1954

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

S i r :

In pursuance of Article 13 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Pacific Science Association and the Resolution approved at the Eighth Pacific Science Congress regarding Standing Committees, I have the honor to appoint you as Co-Chairman for the Social Science Group with Prof. G. P. Murdock of Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A. as Chairman of the Anthropology Group of the Standing Committee on Anthropology and Social Sciences in the Pacific Area.

In accordance with the provisions of the same article, the Committee shall be organized by the Chairman.

Very respectfully,

*Vidal A. Tan*  
VIDAL A. TAN  
President

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