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TELEGRAPHIC AND CABLE ADDRESS:  
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29th June, 1953

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

Dear Maude,

Your letter, which must have crossed with mine, cheered me considerably. It would seem, as you say, that the Commissioners could scarcely take a different line from that of Sir Brian and Ojala. I have mentioned the matter to Stanner, who also seems to agree. (He has undertaken not to know about it officially till the appropriate time.)

In the meantime, there does not seem to be any formal action to be taken; but I can promise you that I shall do so as soon as the right moment arrives. As to the time at which the appointment could most conveniently be taken up - from our point of view - there are two possibilities. One would be the beginning of the academic year, or thereabouts, in March; the other would be after the commencement of our new financial year in July. The arguments for March, if it were possible, would be two: (1) everything else will be starting then; and (2) I hope to get away for about two months in April-May, to go to Fiji and Samoa. Those for the later date would be financial (apart from the question of your own availability). If my discussions with the Fellow of Jesus whom I mentioned come to anything, the Department might be short of money for a further appointment. If you and he both come, we shall have reached our full establishment - which was planned for the financial year 1954-5, anyway.

Regarding the ANZAAS proposal, I now feel more sanguine of your acceptance. The other contributors, apart from myself, will be McAuley and Gilson. We hope to have John Beaglehole over for another purpose, also possibly W.P. Morrell: they would no doubt be prepared to contribute to the discussion. A lecturer at Otago, Parsonson, who is working on the Presbyterian 'theocracy' (as he has concluded it was) in the New Hebrides will also be here.

We are in the midst of another faction fight. Nadel has

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reached the conclusion that he was not consulted sufficiently about Norma McArthur's project. The reasons why are sufficiently obvious. Fortunately, it doesn't concern me, and it probably won't reach you.

I shall let you know when I am coming to Sydney - so that we may discuss various things and that I may collect the precious cups.

At Alex Dix's request, I enclose a copy of my B.B.C. script. I shall be glad when I come to Cremorne to get your impressions of it. Is it too optimistic? I expected Stanner, who has read it, to think it was; but he says he agrees with it.

Yours,

J. W. Davidson

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25th June, 1953

Dear Cyril,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours,

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3rd June 1953

Dear Harry,  
I have just been talking to Jim Davidson and been giving some more thought to your "problem". The two main variables seem to be (a) your release from the SPC, & (b) the terms of acceptance here.

Taking the last first, Jim says he has to consider his budget, particularly in terms of another scholar who is interested in a temporary Fellowship of senior grade. It might be possible to accept the other man and have your post budgeted for beginning at a later financial period. But to put up such a proposition to Council, Jim would have to have a pretty firm acceptance from you; he wouldn't risk a hitch. He says he would be happy to have the acceptance, leaving the date of joining to be negotiated before long.

This brings me to (a). Frankly, I think you're being too kind to the Commission. I would have thought you would be justified in saying "I will have to go by (say mid or late '54) at the latest. This gives you ample time to find your man." It would also give you a chance to give Jim a firm date.

About your choice of successor. As I've said <sup>before</sup> <sub>11</sub> the idea of my being that person is very attractive & I'm really quite thrilled that you should think of it. The stumbling blocks ~~are~~ are: (i) I couldn't give an acceptance

till before mid or late '54. At present showing it is  
almost certain I would accept <sup>at least for a period</sup> unless some particularly attractive  
academic offer turned up. (2) I couldn't join till July  
or August '55. But if you didn't leave till late '54  
this would not be an insuperable difficulty, & you're not  
the SPL half-way. (3) Even if I were your selection,  
there might well be official difficulties, particularly from  
the Australians on personal grounds, & on the grounds  
that this would mean two NZers in senior posts.

So that you should certainly look for other candidates,  
but I believe the year's notice I suggested would  
make the Commission look around, & almost certainly  
find someone.

Over to you, & good luck,

Lynil Belland

24th June, 1953

Dear Davidson,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours,

*L.H.M.*



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1st June, 1953.

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South Pacific Commission,  
Social Development Section,  
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SYDNEY.

Dear Maude,

Your letter arrived this morning. I can do little more than wish you well in Noumea. It's a pity you work with such hardened sinners. They would, no doubt, be hard to convince that you should be allowed to leave for misconduct; and probably nothing you could do would be construed as inefficiency which is, I suppose, a relative thing. Perhaps if your name appears with Nancy's as joint compiler of the cookery book that might be considered as a derogation from the dignity of an Executive Officer's position; or a series of caricatures of your colleagues distributed during the meetings. ... (Once in Wellington I saw a Methodist lay preacher play Becket in "Murder in the Cathedral": something like that might do for a drawing of Ojala.) But my only constructive suggestion is that you should appeal to Ojala on grounds of CONSCIENCE: surely it would be hard for him to face Mr Basket (t?) and the rest if he prevented you from doing what you had read in the heavens to be right.

Incidentally, we could now do rather better for you financially. The grade of Senior Fellow has just been introduced with a salary range of £A.1390-1790. I think I could get the position put in that grade.

Stamer, unfortunately, is in Sydney, so I haven't got his advice. If you feel inclined to, you can get him on the 'phone. It is in his own name; the address, I think, is Lane Cove.

Now, as to the yellow cups. You said, I think, that you remembered them; but, if you don't, Nancy will be able to give you a precise description. They were large French breakfast cups; they came from the Printania; and they cost about 60 francs. I hope they still have some. If they haven't, I leave it to you and Helen Shiels

either to buy nothing or to acquire something similar - I shall be content in either case. If you have lots of luggage, please get Printania to post them. I enclose 500 francs. I should like as many cups as you can conveniently acquire in relation to either having to fit them into your bags or having to pay freight on them.

Yours sincerely,

*J. W. Davidson*

J.W. Davidson.

28th May, 1953

My dear Davidson,

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

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

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

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by mutual  
Consent*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours very sincerely,

JRM

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10 May 53

My dear Maude,

Cyril Belshaw brought me news which greatly surprised me. He says that you told him that your wife's health is now so much better that even the thought of the Canberra winter does not any longer fill you with horror. I am very glad for Mrs Maude's sake that her asthma is under such control. But Cyril implied more, which is, of course, the primary reason for this letter: that you might react differently to a new offer from the University. Let me know if this is so. If it is, I shall see that the machinery is set in motion again. The appointment could still be made; & as you know, I would greatly welcome it. The only proviso is that it would be well if it could be settled fairly soon. I am in

touch with two people in England — a lecturer at Oxford & a Fellow of Jesus, Cambridge. Correspondence is still in a very indeterminate stage; but it will soon be desirable to be more definite. I doubt if finances will run to more than one further appointment.

Please excuse a hurried ending of this note: Nadell has just come in about a matter of business.

Yours sincerely,  
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8th May 53

Dear Harry,

Thanks very much for letting me have a look at the <sup>BSCP report, returned</sup> enclosed. Hamilton has been very frank, a feature that is unusual & therefore all the more valuable. The main inference I get is that one of the main socio-psychological problems is to get admin. officers suitably oriented. Hamilton slashes the planning on the physical & departmental plane. His points ring true. But he is less aware of the degree to which the officials' approach has been determined by administrative precedent, almost custom. If a headman is not there — send for him, we've no time to lose, & besides, we're the Government! There are lots of other things could be said, too. But at least someone is trying to do something, which is more than could have been said in my day.

All the best

Cyril Belshaw

P.S. Since writing this I have spoken to Davidson. He is very pleased that you might be looking this way again, & will write directly soon. If your hint about my role was serious, I would be most interested, but could not leave U.B.C. till July '55 as I am fully committed to them. Don't let this affect your plans; your own timing may be important if you are to arrange things satisfactorily.

Cyril

24th September, 1952

Dear Sir Douglas,

I should like to thank you most sincerely for your kind personal letter on my inability to take up the appointment at the Australian National University. It was indeed a difficult decision to make and I hated having to decline.

However, I have had so much correspondence and personal contact with members of the School of Pacific Studies during the past month, including Professor Davidson and Professor Nadel, that I almost feel as if I was on the staff after all.

Yours sincerely,



H. E. Maude.

Sir Douglas Copland,  
Vice-Chancellor,  
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11th August, 1952.

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



Dear Mr. Maude,

The Registrar has shown me your letters of August 6th, and of course I had already known of your decision concerning the appointment which we all hoped you would have taken up with us. I write personally to express my sympathy with you in the difficulty that confronted you, and to say how much I regret that you are not able to join the National University. I can well imagine how difficult it was to make this decision, but you may be assured that the grounds are well understood here and that we all realise that the circumstances made it inevitable that you would have to give up the idea of coming to Canberra.

I hope that we shall have some association with you in your official capacity from time to time, and I trust that your wife's health will improve.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(D.B. COPLAND)

8th August, 1952.

Dear Davidson,

My official letter of regret has gone off to the Registrar but your reply to my personal note to you was so considerately phrased that I feel I must write again and thank you for it.

I don't think I have ever regretted anything before to the same extent as having to make the decision I did, and when you took it in such a decent manner it made me realize all the more how much I shall miss not having the opportunity to work under your direction, which I am sure would have been genial and mild.

We should, I firmly believe, have worked well together, neither of us having a noticeably fractious temperament. But as it is not to be, I hope that we may remain friends and that you will come and see us when you next visit Sydney. In your racing model Wahroonga is only a few minutes from the city.

Even if I am not destined to be a professional historian there is no reason why I should not tackle one or two small historical points of particular interest to myself and I have several I should like to discuss with you. Perhaps I might try and get my hand in by re-writing that administrative report of Pitcairn Island? There is plenty more material to put in it?

I must really get down to Dorothy's manuscript, though I warned her that it would be some time before I could get free of official chores. I received a memorandum yesterday on "The proposed separation, future housing and present survey of the Western Pacific High Commission Archives" which, at first glance, seems to be a sound and practical piece of work.

Again hoping that we may be associated in many future projects,

Yours sincerely,

Professor J.W. Davidson,  
Australian National University,  
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*Lee M.*

6th August, 1952.

PERSONAL

Dear Mr Hohnen,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 25th July. Having to decline an offer of a secure income for life to enable me to do just what I have always wanted to do must is indeed a blow, the more especially since I feel that I have let Professor Davidson down rather badly. The fact that he has taken it so well makes me even more disappointed at not being able to work under his genial direction.

I now enclose an official letter informing you of my decision and the reasons for it. I had every intention of sending it before but, to be honest, I kept putting it off. You will understand that it was not an easy letter to write.

I was particularly glad to see your reference to the possibility of continued association with the University as I am very much hoping that this association will not diminish despite my being unable to join your ranks. As long as I remain on the staff of the South Pacific Commission I shall be engaged in research, even though like yourself it is in a more or less administrative capacity, and I certainly hope that I may continue to look to the staff of the School of Pacific Studies for expert advice and assistance.

And if circumstances should alter, I shall be early on your doorstep with an application for at least a temporary scholarship.

Yours sincerely,

*J.L.M.*

R.A. Hohnen,  
Registrar,  
The Australian National University,  
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6th August, 1952.

Dear Sir,


I much regret having to state that I am compelled to decline the offer of a position as a Fellow in the Department of Pacific History of the Research School of Pacific Studies, made in your letter No. 6.2.0.0 of the 8th April, owing to the continued ill-health of my wife.

After over 20 years spent in tropical islands my wife is finding it difficult to acclimatize herself to a cold climate and has had a succession of bronchial illnesses extending over the past year. While she will no doubt become adapted in time I am advised that for the present it would be undesirable for her to make her home in such a rigorous locality as Canberra.

I should be grateful if you would kindly inform the Vice-Chancellor and Board of Graduate Studies that I very much appreciate the honour of being made the offer of this appointment which I should have dearly liked to have been in a position to accept. To devote the remainder of my life to research in Pacific history has been my ambition for many years and the fact that it should have to be abandoned unexpectedly just when it seemed on the eve of realization is a major disappointment.

A further regret, of a more personal nature, is that I shall be unable to work, as I had been looking forward to doing, under the direction of Professor Davidson. I can imagine no more inspiring director of historical studies on the Pacific area or one better qualified to guide the particular research that I was hoping to engage in.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude

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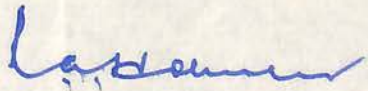
Dear Mr. Maude,

I have been away again for a short time and returned to find the melancholy information conveyed by Davidson that Mrs. Maude's health continues to give you worry and in consequence you have had to decide against coming to Canberra.

You will know, of course, how sorry we all are about this but I should hope that we need not rule out the possibility of a close association with you wherever your present path leads and perhaps the possibility of your coming to work with us here at a later stage.

I take it I can report your resignation to the Council but I would be grateful to have a letter from you which I can put before them.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Registrar.

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17th July, 1952.

H.E. Maude, Esq.,  
South Pacific Commission,  
Social Development Section,  
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SYDNEY.

My dear Maude,

I am very sorry both about your decision and about the reason which has made it necessary. It did not, however, come altogether as a surprise. I remember Mrs Maude saying, when we met in Wellington about five years ago, that the cold of New Zealand nearly always brought on her asthma. I had hoped that the dryness of Canberra would be a compensating factor and that a warm house might be sufficient defence against our bitter winter weather. But I know how differently the various elements in the climate affect asthma in different people. I hope Sydney itself is not going to prove unsatisfactory, so that you will be forced back again into the tropics.

I know how you will be regretting the lost opportunity to settle down to full-time research; and the University becomes, month by month, a more interesting place as more people arrive. For my own part, I am very sorry indeed, as I had much looked forward to our working together and had felt that the Department would be greatly strengthened by your coming. My regret is shared by both Nadel and Spate, as it will be by Crocker when the news reaches him. It will not be possible to find anyone else with your own interest in historical research coupled with such wide administrative experience and knowledge of so much of the area.

I shall certainly look for someone suitable for a senior appointment - though probably as a Senior Research Fellow for a 5-year term. I cannot, at present, think of anyone altogether suitable with experience in the area. I have thought of Roth from time to time, but I am not too happy about his performance, in the historical field, on paper; I think he is perhaps too much the "applied

/anthropologist".

anthropologist". It is more likely, I think, that we shall go right outside the field and look for someone fairly young who has worked so far on another area - e.g. Africa. There are several people in England who might be attracted and would be worth getting.

In the meantime, things progress reasonably. Gilson and West have both accepted the offer of Research Fellowships, and West should be here later this year. Dorothy has, after much delay, produced a letter showing that she is getting on with her job in Suva. We expect Firth back with us at the end of the month (but perhaps you have more accurate news of his movements than we have).

I hope I may see you when I am in Sydney for the meeting of A.N.Z.A.A.S. in August, if not before.

Yours sincerely,

J.W. Davidson

J.W. Davidson.

P.S.

I enclose a letter to Djala. Mr de Voogd tells me he is going to be in Canberra on 28th & 29th of this month. I have been thinking of writing to him for some time to suggest that, when he was in Australia, he should come & meet the members of the School. As I don't know when he is leaving Noumea, it seems safest to write to your office. Would you either send it on or hand it to him, please, as seems best? J.W.D.

Personal

10th July, 1952.

My dear Davidson,

Your kind letter of the 2nd caused a crisis in our affairs and, as a result, I have been stealing myself to write to you.

I arrived back from the Research Council meeting to find my wife in many respects better, but still far from well, and we had to postpone our projected visit to Canberra as a consequence. This was, in a way, fortunate as Alaric has also had a relapse and has been in bed again for some days.

Anyway the upshot of it all was that I felt constrained to have a showdown with the medical people on the whole subject of Honor's future prospects: she has been laid up in bed off and on now for over a year and since the onset of winter has been quite seriously ill.

To cut a long story short, medical advice is that Honor should be removed to a warmer, more equable and if possible drier climate than Sydney and certainly should not attempt to live in Canberra, under present circumstances, during the winter.

This being so - and I am not altogether surprised at their verdict - I have had to decide during the last few days whether I could manage to live in Canberra myself while Honor stayed in Sydney (or somewhere like Norfolk Island). My wife herself has never attempted to influence the result in any way but, even so, I am bound to say that the answer is in the negative. By temperament I am essentially a home lover and have never done any good work away from my own family. And even if this were not the case I should scarcely be in a financial position to afford 2 homes.

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So I am afraid that, to my great shame and loss of personal face, I must perforce write to the Registrar to the effect that I cannot unfortunately accept the University's offer for reasons quite unconnected with its attractiveness.

Apart from the fact that I fully realise that I have let you down badly, this decision represents a severe blow to all my own hopes of getting some original research done in the only field that really interests me. I am conscious that your offer was an unusually generous one and that I can certainly never expect a similar one to come my way again.

However, my main regret is that I have upset your own plans for the development of the Department, even though it is against my strongest inclinations. Least said soonest mended, but if there is any way in which I can make amends please do not fail to let me know.

I do believe that you were anxious for me to join your set-up and shall always feel grateful for your confidence, though it was probably misplaced since there are many real historians who would fill the position far better than I could: not to speak of Pacific specialists, such as Kingsley Roth, with several publications already to their credit. I can only say that your feelings were more than matched by my own, and nothing but the stark realization that Honor could never face Canberra would make me throw in such an enticing prospect.

To be truthful, I knew in my heart that my wife was not strong enough some weeks ago, when she first went off to hospital; hence the talk about getting a good house for her. But I kept postponing the recognition of the obvious fact until faced by medical evidence and the necessity of making a final decision.

Again my most sincere apologies,

Yours very sincerely,

*J.L.M.*

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SYDNEY.

Dear Maude,

I have just been to see a house at Torres Street, Red Hill which the University has acquired and will be allocating at the next meeting of the Tenancies Committee on the 15th July. As I believe Hohnen has mentioned to you on the 'phone the University has worked out a scheme by which it would regain possession of a property if the occupant resigned from the University, but which would allow the tenant to acquire it as his own if he remains with the University until retirement. There is also another house available at present which might be suitable and I think that if you and Mrs. Maude could spare the time it would be well worth your while coming to Canberra sometime before the 15th.

The house which I have looked over this morning is just completed. It was designed by people who expected to be remaining permanently in Canberra but were transferred to Melbourne before they had begun to occupy it. It thus shows various signs of careful thought in the planning of details and also a certain amount of preliminary work has been done in the planting of the grounds.

The site is said to be of two acres and slopes down from the house to the two roads which bound it. On one side it looks out on the slopes of Red Hill and on the others has wide views over the whole of Canberra and out towards Duntroon. I do not think it could be built out in any direction and the house has been placed to take the fullest advantage of the views.

Architecturally the house is somewhat undistinguished in appearance. It is built of concrete blocks. The interior woodwork, like most in Canberra, is poor. On the other hand, it could I think be made a very pleasant home. There is a very large living room

/with an open

with an open fire place, ~~large~~<sup>large</sup> windows and <sup>a</sup> door opening direct on to a terrace. There is a large hall designed to be used also for dining, and for this purpose the living room entrance to the terrace provides an alternative front door. The hall has a very large ~~Wonder~~ Heat stove which is obviously intended to keep the house as a whole warm in winter time. There are three bedrooms, the main one very large, another which faces on to the terrace seems fairly well suited to being made into a study. Bathroom, kitchen and laundry seem to be excellently equipped. All rooms seem to have a number of power points and the telephone is of the plug-in type with connections in several rooms. Storage space in the kitchen seems perhaps ~~scarcely~~<sup>scarcely</sup> adequate; on the other hand, there are large cupboards for linen, etc., in the passage in the bedroom section of the house. The house was designed by people who had several small children and this probably accounts for the useful fact that living rooms are fairly well shut off from the remainder of the house so that noise at one end should not disturb people elsewhere.

Hohnen says that the possibilities of acquiring a house in Canberra are now considerably better than they were a few months ago so that apart from this one and the other house which is available to the University at the moment, you would be quite likely to hear of others if you could manage to come down during the next week or so.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J.W. Davidson

J.W. Davidson.

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TELEGRAPHIC AND CABLE ADDRESS:  
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BOX 4, G.P.O.  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

20th June, 1952.

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



Dear Maude,

Your letter of the 26th May finally reached me in New Zealand after some delay as I have been travelling in the South Island. I 'phoned your home when I was passing through Sydney last weekend and spoke to Mrs. Maude. I was glad to find that she had recovered from her recent attack of asthma and also that Aleric was safely through his operation. I expect you are back from Noumea by this time and under happier conditions than those of your last return.

I am very glad indeed that you feel able to decline the offers of the South Pacific Commission. I only hope that in the interests of the A.N.U. and of ~~myself~~ we can successfully overcome the remaining difficulty of finding a suitable house in Canberra. Incidentally, I do not think you need feel that it would be absolutely essential to move to Canberra straight away when you take up the appointment. Partridge has made a rather similar proviso in the interests of his family and has declined to move until a house can be found into which they can move permanently. It would, no doubt, be a gamble to accept before you had discovered a house, but it would not be necessary, I think, to find one that was immediately available.

The main purpose of this letter, though, is to tell you of my own movements. I shall be away in Melbourne for the whole of next week, but after that shall not be going away for some time. I am afraid there will not be much *to* assist you in house hunting, but I should like to be here while you are in Canberra.

*What I can do*

/I am sorry

Pacific  
Historians  
Conference  
File

I am sorry that the proposal for a conference of historians has met with opposition. When I was in New Zealand I mentioned that you had had an unfavourable comment from McKay. Taylor of the Turnbull Library who has lately been appointed Dominion Archivist, was surprised at this and thought that an approach privately to McIntosh would be likely to produce a different attitude. I spent an evening with McIntosh, but unfortunately we got so involved in discussing the affairs of Samoa and the secretaryship of the Department of Island Territories that we did not deal with the question of archives. I shall, however, be seeing him again at the end of August when I shall raise the matter if there is any point in doing so. I hope that the Australians will be more favourable to your more modest proposal for simply setting up a committee at this stage.

You may not have heard that the new Secretary of Island Territories has now been appointed. Patrick moved out of the office some six weeks ago and for the time being the Department is just drifting along in a state of disillusionment or almost of despair. Their brightest young man, John Hall, whom you may have met in Rarotonga, is leaving them to join the Colonial Service, and one or two other resignations seemed likely while I was there. However, the new appointment will, I hope, lead to things being pulled together again. The job has gone to J.B. Wright. There was another very strong candidate in the field (Tom Smith, the husband of Sylvia Masterman). Smith is, I think, a very good administrator, but the job went to Wright because of his experience in the Islands. I think he will make something of it. On <sup>most</sup> matters he and I have very similar views and I hope to be able to be of some small assistance to him when he takes over as I have been asked to be the outside speaker at this year's conference of the New Zealand Institute of Public Administration. A statement from outside the Department of the views which he will be putting to the Minister from inside may be of some assistance.

I wonder if you have yet found time to read Dorothy Crozier's drafts. I found the material most encouraging and have increased confidence that something of real value is going to emerge eventually from her work.

Yours sincerely,

J.W. Davidson

J.W. Davidson.

P.S. This letter will show you one of the minor losses you will suffer in coming here. Mrs Skerim, the dept's secretary, still finds difficulty with English & makes lapses in a dictated letter.

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BOX 4, G.P.O.  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Ref. 6.2.3.7.

5th June, 1952.

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



Dear Mr. Maude,

I am sorry to learn from your letter of 28th May and from our telephone discussion on Friday of your recent troubles. I do hope that Mrs. Maude is now much better and that your son's appendix operation was completed satisfactorily.

It was unfortunate that the house I mentioned to you on the phone just came up at a time when you had these worries in addition to making plans to leave for Noumea, but we will look forward to seeing both you and Mrs. Maude on your return.

Yours sincerely,

*Rassem*  
(RA. HOHNEN)  
Registrar.

28th May, 1952.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your letter No. 6.2.0.0. of the 8th April, as explained in my reply dated the 15th April, I anticipated being in a position to give you a definite answer to your offer of a Fellowship in the Department of Pacific History by the middle of this month.

While the Commissioners of the South Pacific Commission have made me an offer of further employment on a five year contract, I have not as yet accepted it. My intention was, in fact, to come up to Canberra on my return to Sydney from Noumea two weeks ago and make a real effort to find a suitable house.

Unfortunately, I returned with 'flu to find my wife laid up with a serious attack of asthma (she has been in hospital ever since) and my son in bed with what has now been diagnosed as an appendicitis (he is to be operated on in a few days).

I myself have to leave for Noumea next week to attend the fourth meeting of the Research Council and will not be able to return until the middle of June.

If this is too late I can but decline your offer, with grateful thanks for your confidence in having made it.

Should you be in a position to wait until then for your answer, however, I shall obtain leave from the Commission in June and come up to Canberra with my wife to househunt.

I am sorry to emphasize housing in this manner but it is, as far as I am concerned, crucial, since my wife declines to move unless she can find a house approximately as suitable as the one she has at present.

Yours sincerely,

The Registrar,  
Australian National University,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

  
H.E. MAUDE

Personal

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26th May, 1952.

My dear Davidson,

I should have written ere this to explain the latest developments in my position as regards the A.N.U. offer.

Unfortunately, however, there has been a series of crises in my affairs.

I had arranged with my wife (and Alaric) that we should, on my return from Noumea, go up to Canberra and spend a week or ten days there making a real effort to get a house.

When I finally got back to Sydney, however, (the plane was, as usual, late) it was only to find Honor in bed with asthma and Alaric with what has now turned out to be an appendicitis.

Honor got steadily worse and in the end had to be taken off to hospital, where she still is. It is the worst attack she has ever had and, in fact, the only serious one for over twenty years. Alaric may be operated on next week.

The Commission made me a financially attractive offer of a five year guaranteed contract, and the C.O. have agreed to keep me on their pensionable staff if I accept it.

I felt rather frustrated at the last session, however, as I feel little real interest in social, as against, economic development. I feel that I should like to join the A.N.U., therefore, if the housing problem was only solved.

I believe I could fix this but the position is that I have now to rush off again to the Research Council meeting and will not be back until the middle of June.

It is the last meeting of the year and my intention would be to take say a fortnight's leave after it and come up to Canberra to look for a suitable house; in fact to do

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



what I had meant to do this month if the whole family had not gone to bed instead.

Quite candidly, my wife won't move unless she finds a house roughly as good as our own. So if you can wait till next month for a final answer well and good: it would make no difference to my actual "date of assumption of office". But if this is too late from your point of view I shall quite understand.

I wonder what the Canberra climate is really like for asthma. I know it is freezingly cold for 8 months of the year and one lives huddled round an oil lamp, but still it might just suit Honor's particular complaint.

Australia made a determined attack on the proposal to hold a conference of historians. I have accordingly had to re-draft the paper to try and obtain approval for a Committee of Pacific Historians first and let them state a case for meeting if they want to. If only I knew Hasluck I feel that I could interest him, which would cause his delegation to change their tone on the subject.

Roth has obtained money for an archivist from the National Library to visit Fiji and make a survey of what wants doing, ways and means, and costs. So I've passed it on to White and await his reply. General opinion seems to be that Maclean would be the man to send but I can but leave the choice to White himself.

Dorothy Crozier came to the office for a few minutes en route to Suva and left a quantity of typescript drafts which alas I have no time to read until after the Research Council meeting. From a casual glance some of it seems good and some rather amazing.

Please forgive this very rambling effort but I had no time to sort things out before dictating: rather like Dorothy I expect.

Yours sincerely,

*See M.*

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TELEGRAPHIC AND CABLE ADDRESS:  
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BOX 4, G.P.O.  
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16th April, 1952.

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



Dear Maude,

I was surprised last week to receive a copy of a letter sent to you by the Registrar reporting <sup>the</sup> decision of the Board of Graduate Studies nearly three weeks earlier. I do not know the reason for the delay in writing, but it may have been caused by the frequent absences of the Vice-Chancellor who had to approve the salary being offered. I imagine there may be a number of points of detail which are not clear from the correspondence and which should therefore be thoroughly discussed before you make your decision. If this should be so, then I think we ought to meet during the next few weeks. I may be going to Sydney for a short visit probably on Monday or Tuesday next week, but I am not yet certain whether I can get away. Will you be at your office on those days? Alternatively you might think it preferable to come to Canberra so that you can see Hohnen as well and anyone else concerned. Let me know if you think some such arrangement should be made.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

*J.W. Davidson*

J.W. Davidson.

*P.S.  
/ Dorothy Crozier has returned in high spirits  
at the help she received from your Miss Mander-Jones*

15th April, 1952.

Dear Mr Clark,

Thank you for your letter No. 6.2.0.0. of the 8th April, offering me a position as a Fellow in the Department of Pacific History of the Research School of Pacific Studies.

I am grateful to the Vice-Chancellor and Board of Graduate Studies for this offer, and shall give it my most careful consideration.

As I explained in my letter of the 10th March, however, it is necessary for me to approach the Commissioners of the South Pacific Commission, who are my present employers, before making any move.

The Commissioners are meeting in Noumea during the last week of April and the first week of May so I should be able to let you know my decision by say the middle of next month.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. MAUDE

Mr Ernest Clark,  
Acting Registrar,  
The Australian National University,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

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BOX 4, G.P.O.  
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Ref. 6.2.0.0.

8th April, 1952.

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

Dear Mr. Maude,

I am very glad to be able to offer you a position as a Fellow in the Department of Pacific History of the Research School of Pacific Studies.

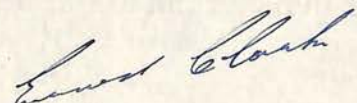
The appointment will be for an initial period of five years and, if then renewed, will continue indefinitely until retirement.

The Fellowship is offered on the conditions outlined in the attached statement of the conditions of appointment. Your salary will be at the top of the range, namely £1,390 per annum. In addition a cost of living allowance at present amounting to £126 per annum is payable.

If, as we very much hope, you decide to accept this appointment I would be pleased if you would sign one of the attached copies of the conditions of appointment and return it to me.

I am sure you will find your association with the University both pleasant and fruitful.

Yours sincerely,



(ERNEST CLARK)  
Acting Registrar.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITYFELLOWConditions of Appointment1. (a) Salary -

The salary range for a Fellow is £A 890-...  
to £A1,390 .

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at present ( April, 1952 ) amounting to  
£A126 is payable.

(b) Superannuation -

The University will contribute to an endowment  
insurance scheme on the principles of the Federated  
Superannuation System for Universities in the  
United Kingdom. The University will deduct 5 per  
centum of the Fellow's salary to provide his con-  
tribution to this scheme.

(c) Travelling and removal expenses -

Reasonable travelling and removal expenses on  
taking up appointment or subsequently moving to  
Canberra (where applicable) or both, if necessary,  
will be paid.

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a satisfactory medical report following an  
examination carried out by a physician nominated  
by the University.

(b) A Fellow will normally be appointed for an initial  
period of five years but will be eligible at the  
end of that period to be considered for re-appoint-  
ment until the thirty-first day of December in the  
year in which he attains the age of 65 years  
provided that :-

(i) a Fellow may retire at any time after reaching  
the age of 60 years with superannuation  
benefits in accordance with the University's  
superannuation scheme;

(ii) the Council may terminate the appointment of a  
Fellow at any time for incapacity, inefficiency  
or misconduct.

(c) Except by special arrangement with the Council a  
Fellow is required to give six months' notice if he  
desires to resign his Fellowship before the expir-  
ation of the term for which he was appointed.

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6. Study Leave -

A Fellow will be entitled to one year's study leave on full pay in every six years of his term of office. This leave will be available at such times as the Director approves, and the equivalent of this amount of leave may, by arrangement, be taken in shorter periods. The University will contribute not more than £A500 to the travelling and other expenses of a Fellow who goes overseas on study leave, but such contribution will not be made more than once in six years.

7. Patent Rights -

The decision whether a patent should be taken out in respect of a discovery made in the course of research work, which is a patentable invention, will be made by the Council. The University has adopted the general principle that the results of its research work should be published and made generally available. The University will, therefore, not normally agree to vest in private individuals the right to use University discoveries. There may be exceptional cases in which the best use of an invention might be ensured if patent rights were held by the University and this will be decided by the Council.

Where inventions are made by the members of the University staff as a result of investigations not connected with their University duties, it will be for the officer concerned to decide whether he will apply for a patent, but this must be reported to the Council.

Personal

13th March, 1952.

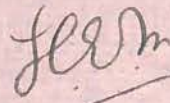
Dear Mr Hohnen,

// I don't know what sort of curriculum vitae is required for an academic body, but am sending one prepared for the Commission and hope it will do. Anyway one of your henchmen can no doubt abbreviate it to taste.

While I think of it, I should be most grateful if when you send me the terms of the suggested appointment you could also let me know what travelling allowances, if any, are paid. As far as I can see the nature of my historical work would necessitate much living outside Canberra (mainly in Sydney and Wellington, where most of the source material lies).

If my net income is to be cut to a quarter of its present figure I doubt being able to manage even a third-rate boarding house unless the University pays. But no doubt you have staff rules covering this and other similar points.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. MAUDE

R.A. Hohnen, Esq.,  
Registrar,  
Australian National University,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

HENRY EVANS MAUDE, O.B.E., M.A.

Curriculum Vitae

Date of Birth: 1st October, 1906.

Married, one child.

Education: St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, India;  
Highgate School, England. (Head of House,  
Captain of Games); Jesus College,  
Cambridge (Honours in Economics and  
Anthropology, M.A., Half-Blue).

- 1929-1933 Administrative Officer, Gilbert and Ellice  
Islands Colony; appointed a Deputy  
Commissioner for the Western Pacific in 1931;  
commended by the Secretary of State for the  
Colonies for handling of religious  
disturbances on Onotoa Island in August, 1930.  
Acting Native Lands Commissioner, 1931;  
passed final examinations in Gilbertese  
language in February, 1932.
- 1933-1934 Secretary to Government of Gilbert and Ellice  
Islands Colony.
- 1934-1936 Native Lands Commissioner, Gilbert and Ellice  
Islands Colony.
- 1936 (June) Represented Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony  
at Seminar Conference on Education in Pacific  
Countries at Honolulu.
- 1936-1937 Administrative Officer, Zanzibar.
- 1937-1940 Administrative Officer and Lands Commissioner,  
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.
- 1937  
(September) Sent on special duty as Officer-in-Charge of  
exploratory expedition to Phoenix Islands  
with a view to settlement of surplus  
Gilbertese population.
- 1938 (July) Appointed Chairman of permanent Board of  
Examiners in Gilbertese language.



- 1938  
(November) Appointed Officer-in-Charge of Phoenix Islands Settlement Scheme.
- 1939  
(January) Member of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.).
- 1940 Acting First Assistant Secretary Western Pacific High Commission.
- 1940 (August) Sent on special duty to Pitcairn Island to reorganize the Constitution, Legal Code, and system of Government in that island.
- 1941 (June) Acting British Agent and Consul, Kingdom of Tonga.
- 1941  
(September) Seconded to the Government of Tonga to report on the Reorganization of Her Majesty's Civil Service.
- 1942-1944 First Assistant Secretary to the Western Pacific High Commission.
- 1942  
(September) On special duty in the Line Islands.
- 1943  
(September) Attached to U.S. Naval Intelligence Centre, Pearl Harbour, T.H.
- 1943  
(November) On special duty on Pitcairn Island.
- 1944 (July) On special duty in the Cook and Line Groups.
- 1944  
(December) Acting Secretary to the Western Pacific High Commission.
- 1945  
(February) Assistant High Commissioner during absence of High Commissioner.
- 1945 Acting Resident Commissioner, Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.
- 1946  
(January) On special duty at Colonial Office and British Embassy, Washington.

- 1946-1949 Resident Commissioner, Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.
- 1949 Deputy Secretary-General, South Pacific Commission.
- 1949  
(January) Officer of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.).
- 1949 (May) Executive Officer for Social Development, South Pacific Commission Research Council.
- 1951 (May) On loan to New Zealand Government to report on the development of the co-operative movement in the Cook Islands.

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NOTES ON ABOVE

- (1) The Pacific Territories in which I have served are:-
- (i) Colony of Fiji.
  - (ii) Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.
  - (iii) Kingdom of Tonga.
  - (iv) Pitcairn Island Settlement.
- (2) During 21 years of service in the Pacific area I have resided on, or visited, over 75 islands in almost every group in the North, Central and South Pacific. On most of them I have stayed for several weeks.
- (3) Special Assignments. Have been numerous and varied, among the most important being the following:-
- (i) The Organization of the Co-operative Societies Movement in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.
  - (ii) Lands Settlement of the Gilbert Group and Ocean Island.
  - (iii) The Colonization of the Phoenix Islands.

- (iv) Exploratory Survey of the Central and Eastern Pacific.
  - (v) Revision of the native administrative system in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands.
  - (vi) The Reorganization of the Pitcairn Island Administrative System.
  - (vii) The Reorganization of the Public Service of the Kingdom of Tonga.
  - (viii) Survey of Co-operative Development in the Cook Islands.
- (4) Publications. A list is attached.
- (5) Library. For over 20 years I have been steadily collecting a reference library of books, pamphlets and periodicals on the Pacific islands. This by now numbers considerably over a thousand items and is particularly strong in manuscript and scarce material relating to the Central Pacific.
- (6) Present Position. Executive Officer for Social Development, South Pacific Commission Research Council.

<u>Emoluments:</u>	Salary	-	£2,000
	Post Allowance	-	750
	Pension "	-	437
	Rental "	-	327
	Children's "	-	<u>63</u>
	Total Emoluments	-	<u>£3,577</u>

All free of Income or other Taxation liabilities.

Sydney, N.S.W.,

11th March, 1952.

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BOX 4, G.P.O.  
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Ref. 6.2.0.0.



18th March, 1952.

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

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thank you for your letter of 13th March and the enclosed copy of the curriculum vitae. It is just what we needed.

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...  
I am enclosing a copy of the conditions of appointment for Fellows. The question of visits to other Universities is dealt with in paragraph 5. I also enclose a copy of University Circular No. 38 which deals with allowances for travel in Australia. This will give you a general idea of the scale of allowances provided.

Yours sincerely,

*Ernest Clark*  
(ERNEST CLARK)  
Acting Registrar.

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A Fellow will be entitled to one year's study leave on full pay in every six years of his term of office. This leave will be available at such times as the Director approves, and the equivalent of this amount of leave may, by arrangement, be taken in shorter periods. The University will contribute not more than £A500 to the travelling and other expenses of a Fellow who goes overseas on study leave, but such contribution will not be made more than once in six years.

7. Patent Rights -

The decision whether a patent should be taken out in respect of a discovery made in the course of research work, which is a patentable invention, will be made by the Council. The University has adopted the general principle that the results of its research work should be published and made generally available. The University will, therefore, not normally agree to vest in private individuals the right to use University discoveries. There may be exceptional cases in which the best use of an invention might be ensured if patent rights were held by the University and this will be decided by the Council.

Where inventions are made by the members of the University staff as a result of investigations not connected with their University duties, it will be for the officer concerned to decide whether he will apply for a patent, but this must be reported to the Council.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITYUNIVERSITY CIRCULAR NO. 38ALLOWANCES - TRAVEL IN AUSTRALIA

At its meeting on 9th November, 1951, the Finance Committee resolved that allowances to cover travel on duty in Australia would be granted on the following basis :-

(a) Rates -

<u>Members of staff with a basic salary (per annum) of</u>	<u>Travel Allowance rate per diem</u>
Up to £599	26/-
£600-£1,099	30/-
£1,100-£1,549	36/-
£1,550-£1,899	40/-
£1,900 and above	45/-.

These rates become effective from 1st November, 1951.

- (b) If expenditure on accommodation and customary meals exceeds the relevant daily allowance, reimbursement of actual outlay may be made, provided that the standard of accommodation and subsistence (having regard to availability) is reasonable.
- (c) The per diem allowance rate is payable when duty requires overnight absence from headquarters; otherwise reimbursement will be made only of actual out-of-pocket expenses.
- (d) Claims for refund of actual outlay (as in (b) and (c) above) will be met only if supported by receipted bills or other evidence of expenses. When meal costs cannot be substantiated by dockets, the maximum refunds will be :- breakfast 4/-, luncheon 6/-, dinner 8/-.
- (e) After 21 days' continuous duty in any one place, per diem allowances will be reduced by one-quarter for married male members of staff, and by one-third for other members of staff.

This notice supersedes Circular No. 8.

21st November, 1951.

R.A. HOHNEN,  
Registrar.

Distribution :-

All Heads of Departments in Australia  
(except in the Research School of  
Physical Sciences),  
The Registrar,  
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The Accountant,  
Laboratory Manager, Physical Sciences,  
" " Medical Research,

Assistant to Registrar,  
Assistant Accountant,  
Admin. Officer in U.K.,  
Veterinary Officer,  
Mr. Long,  
Miss Stanley,  
Miss Mapstone.

Personal

10th March, 1952.

Dear Mr Hohnen,

Thank you for your letter of the 21st February, letting me know informally that there is a distinct prospect of my being offered an appointment as permanent Research Fellow in the Department of Pacific History.

I am off to Noumea in a day or two and will mention the possibility provisionally to the Secretary-General: as a matter of fact he already knows that I am considering leaving the Commission.

Then, as the next session of the Commission is now nearly due (it commences on the 25th April), I think the best thing to do under the circumstances would be to bring it up at the session and let you know the result on my return in May. In any case I could not very well join the University much before the new year, but understand that this would be acceptable.

I must thank you for kindly assisting my wife when she came up house-hunting to Canberra last month. Actually, I believe that she nearly bought a house, but am glad that she didn't as it now transpires that it would have been far too small. It was even smaller than our present home and we can hardly shut the front door as it is.

The office is looking for a copy of my curriculum vitae and will send it on as soon as it is found.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. MAUDE

R.A. Hohnen, Esq.,  
Registrar,  
Australian National University,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.



# The Australian National University

CANBERRA

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Box 4, G.P.O.

Ref. 6.2.0.0.

21st February, 1952.

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

Dear Mr. Maude,


When you were in Canberra the Vice-Chancellor agreed to the creation of a post of permanent Fellow within the Department of Pacific History and arranged that the position should be advertised throughout Universities and other similar organisations for research. I understand that you are at the moment in the invidious state of having to decide where your future is to lie, and the Vice-Chancellor has asked me to explain to you that he proposes at the next meeting of the Board of Graduate Studies which will be held on 20th March to recommend your appointment to the vacant post.

You will understand that senior appointments such as this are matters for consideration by the academic body and the Council, but you will also appreciate that the recommendation to go before the academic body will be the well-considered view of the Research School of Pacific Studies and will have the support of the Vice-Chancellor.

We were very happy to have Mrs. Maude with us the other day, and I hope that the answers to the problems she had in mind were, if not completely satisfactory, at least not disheartening.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



(R.A. HOHNEN)  
Registrar.

*Would you send  
me a curriculum vitae  
please Ru*

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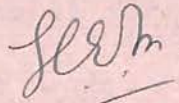
31st January, 1952.

Dear Mr Long,

Thank you for your letter No. 6.2.0.0. of the 17th January answering my various queries about housing, superannuation, etc. As you suggested, I got into touch with Mr Hohnen by telephone and arranged for my wife to go up to Canberra as soon as possible to investigate the housing position: I am afraid I cannot get the necessary time off to go myself.

I have promised Mr Hohnen to phone or send a telegram when I know the dates of my wife's visit, and he has kindly undertaken to find her somewhere to stay.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. MAUDE  
Executive Officer for Social  
Development.

Mr K.R. Long,  
Graduate Assistant to the Registrar,  
Australian National University,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

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TELEGRAPHIC AND CABLE ADDRESS:  
" NATUNIV " CANBERRA

BOX 4, G.P.O.  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Ref. 6.2.0.0.

17th January, 1952.

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

Dear Mr. Maude,

Mr. Hohnen is away until 27th or 28th January so I am replying to one or two points in your recent letter. Mr. Hohnen is at the Hotel Cecil at Cronulla and I am sure that if you give him a ring there he would be happy to discuss the points you raised.

As you know the housing position in Canberra is difficult, but I am confident that the University would be able to provide a house for you. I imagine ~~therefore~~ that the best solution of your housing problem would be for you to sell your Sydney house and buy again in Canberra, although a suitable place might not be immediately available. If you did rent a house from the University you can expect to pay in the vicinity of £4.5.- to £4.10.- per week.

You would have the option of joining the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme or a scheme we have established on the lines of the United Kingdom Superannuation System for Universities (F.S.S.U.). Under the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme you would make a contribution of about £5.11.- per fortnight which would entitle you to a pension of £820 per annum at 65.

I am afraid I can only give you an approximate estimate of the taxation liabilities but they would be to the order of £265 per annum based on a salary of £1500 per annum. You would, of course, be entitled to deductions on account of dependants and superannuation payments.

/I shall

I will send a copy of this note to Mr. Hohnen and I suggest that you should ring him early next week. I know he would be keen that you and your wife should come up again some time and make further reconnaissance on the spot.

Yours sincerely,

*R. A. Hohnen*  
f. (R. A. HOHNEN)  
Registrar.

LIST OF APPROVED COMPANIES.

The Australian Mutual Provident Society.

The Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society Limited.

The National Mutual Life Association of Australasia Limited.

The Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Company Limited.

The Australian Temperance and General Mutual Life Assurance  
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THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITYOUTLINE OF SUPERANNUATION SCHEME

(based on the principles of the  
F. S. S. U. (Great Britain)).

1. The University will contribute towards the payment of premiums on approved life assurance policies an amount equal to 10 per cent. of the employee's salary, and will deduct from his salary an amount equal to 5 per cent. thereof, to be applied towards the payment of such premiums. (Variations in salary of less than £25 per annum will not be taken into account.)
2. The employee will take out life assurance policies approved by the Council, payable at the age of 60, on which the total premiums are equal to 15 per cent. of his salary. Existing policies may be approved by the Council. A policy which has been accepted by the F. S. S. U. in the United Kingdom will be approved. (In special cases where the employee is unable to take on approved policies the Interim Council may agree to make other provision for superannuation.)
3. The policies will be assigned by the employee to such persons as the Interim Council appoints, or may be taken out in the names of those persons. The employee, while in the service of the University, must not assign, charge or otherwise encumber his interest in the policies without the express consent of the Interim Council. The University will have a lien on the policies or their proceeds for any moneys owing to the University by the employee.
4. The following provisions will apply in relation to the disposition of the policies or policy moneys :-
  - (a) If the employee dies while in the service of the University, the policy moneys and all profits will be received by the University and be paid over to his legal personal representatives or any persons nominated by the employee;
  - (b) Should the employee resign from the service of the University before attaining the age of 60, the policies will be transferred to him or as he directs and the University will not be responsible for the payment of further premiums. (This provision also applies where an employee is appointed for a fixed period which expires before he reaches the age of 60.);
  - (c) Should the employee retire on reaching the age of 60, the policy moneys and all profits will be received by the University and paid to the employee or as he directs and may be applied in the purchase of an annuity;
  - (d) Should the employee remain in the service of the University after reaching the age of 60, the policy moneys and all profits will be retained by the University, which will invest such moneys and accumulate them, together with the moneys referred to in paragraph (e), as a fund for the benefit of the employee;

/(e) After

- (e) After the employee reaches the age of 60, and until he reaches the retiring age, or dies, the University and the employee will continue to make the contributions of 10 per cent. and 5 per cent. respectively of the employee's salary, which shall be paid to the fund constituted as provided by paragraph (d);
- (f) On the retirement or death of the employee after reaching the age of 60 the amount of the fund constituted as provided by paragraph (d) shall be applied as provided in paragraph (a) or (c), as the case may be;
- (g) All the interest of the employee in the policies and their proceeds is conditional on his not becoming bankrupt or insolvent, or (without the express consent of the Interim Council) assigning or encumbering or attempting to assign or encumber the same or any part thereof, or doing or suffering anything whereby the proceeds or any part thereof shall become payable to any other person, and should he become bankrupt or insolvent, or attempt to assign or encumber the policies, the Interim Council may deal with the policies, or policy moneys, as it thinks fit;
- (h) If the employee's appointment is terminated for any reason, or if he is dismissed from the service of the University, before he reaches the retiring age, the Interim Council may deal with the policies, or policy moneys, as it thinks fit;
- (i) If the employee's appointment is terminated on account of incapacity before attaining the age of 60, the policies will be transferred to him or as he directs, or the Interim Council may deal with the policies or policy moneys in such manner as may be agreed on between the employee and the Council.

Note. - This outline deals only with the main principles of the scheme, the details of which will at a later stage be set out in a trust deed or other appropriate legal document. In general, the principles of the superannuation scheme printed in the "Grey Book" of the F. S. S. U. will be applied.

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

31st December, 1951.

Dear Davidson,

Thanks for your letter and the notices about the Fellowship. On its receipt I wrote to Hohnen, asking for a number of details regarding housing, rental payments, superannuation, etc.

My wife, who is the practical member of the family, intends to visit Canberra for a day or two in the near future to investigate houses and I have asked him if he could discuss possibilities with her. A lot will depend on her being satisfied.

I have not forgotten the history of Pitcairn Island which I promised to forward, nor the drawing up of a scheme for a committee (and later conference) of Pacific historians on the lines we discussed. However, I have been spending the whole Christmas holidays in a desperate attempt to bring the correspondence up to date again (pretty successful too, on the whole); then I have a fairly long paper on co-operative development in the Cook Islands for New Zealand, and after that I shall be free for the things I want to do.

I shall certainly keep an eye open for likely candidates for your Research Fellowships. If only one could beg, borrow or steal Freeman.

I have at last heard from the Colonial Office, who have countered my suggestion of retirement by offering two positions in the new Pacific set-up. One of these, however, I have refused and the other is not at present on the market. So since the University has now advertised the post I have come clean and told them all about it.

With best wishes for 1952,

Yours sincerely,

*J.L.M.*

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



P.S. While I think of it, I decided to make no claim on the National University for my trip to Canberra, as quite a lot of Commission business was transacted on the side.

*JLRm.*

28th December, 1951.

Dear Mr. Hohnen,

I came up to Canberra a fortnight ago to see Sir Douglas Copeland and Professor Davidson about the possibility of my applying for the position of Fellow in the Department of Pacific History.

I had hoped to have a talk with you at the same time, as there were certain practical details regarding the appointment which only you can, I believe, answer. Unfortunately, however, you were away and I was accordingly advised to write to you direct.

My queries are briefly as follows:-

- (i) Quarters: I have a wife and son, aged 13, and I should naturally like some guarantee of permanent quarters before applying. Could you please give me particulars of any accommodation likely to be available, and the rent which I should be required to pay?
- (ii) Superannuation: I understand that there is a superannuation scheme and should be grateful for particulars.
- (iii) Other payments: Are there any other payments from salary which I should be required to make to the University? My present position is free of Income Tax and I am entitled to free quarters, while my superannuation payments are made by the Commission, so I am anxious to work out the net amount which would be left to live on should I be employed by the University.

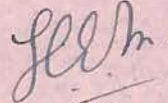
R.A. Hohen, Esq.,  
Registrar, The Australian National University,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

I have rather a lot on my plate at the moment, but my wife is hoping to be able to visit Canberra for a couple of days in the near future. Would it be possible to show her some of the housing possibilities, if indeed there are any? A point she would like to consult you about is the possibility of exchanging our house in Sydney, which we bought for £6,000 a few months ago, for one in Canberra.

Perhaps I should add that, if I applied for and obtained the position now being advertised, I should still have to give at least six months notice of resignation to the Commissioners. I could not very well, therefore, take up residence in Canberra until August at the earliest.

Wishing you a happy New Year,

Yours sincerely,



( H.E. MAUDE. )

RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PACIFIC STUDIES  
**The Australian National University**  
CANBERRA  
A.C.T.

19th December, 1951.

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

Dear Maude,

...  
The notice regarding the creation of a Fellowship has now gone out on the general lines which we discussed with the Vice-Chancellor and I enclose a copy of it. As you will see, no invitation to candidates to apply for it is made. I do not think that any formal action on your part is needed. When the Committee meets to consider the appointment I shall let you know if they want any details other than those which we already possess. You will see that the top limit of the salary scale is now £1,390. The cost of living adjustment at the moment is £102. If the salary was fixed at the top of the scale, the gross income would be just under £1,500. I believe, however, that the University Council is against making appointments right at the top of the scale and is more likely to settle at a figure about £50 below which would provide an income of about £1,450. However, that is a point which can be discussed in greater detail ~~when~~ the time comes.

...  
I am also enclosing a copy of an advertisement that is being issued inviting candidates to apply for Research Fellowships in my field and in FitzGerald's. If you know of anyone interested, please encourage them to apply. The position would be <sup>of</sup> the same rank as ~~that~~ held at present by Read and Belshaw.

With kind regards, *for Xmas and the New Year,*  
Yours sincerely,

*J.W. Davidson*

J.W. Davidson.

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R. A. HOHNEN,  
Registrar.

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CANBERRA, A.C.T.

RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PACIFIC STUDIES

Applications are invited for appointment to Research Fellowships in the fields of Pacific History and Far Eastern History. The salary range for Research Fellowships is £A.890 - £A.1,090 per annum; a cost of living adjustment, at present £A.102, is added. The tenure of Research Fellowships is three years, renewable to five years. In certain circumstances, Research Fellows may be promoted in due course to Senior Research Fellowships and may be appointed to posts on the permanent staff. Applicants must be university graduates with at least two years' experience in research.

Statements of the conditions of appointment may be obtained from the undersigned with whom applications will close on 29th February, 1952.

R. A. HOHNEN,  
Registrar.

9th October, 1951.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

My dear Firth,

I should have replied before to your letter of the 14th September on the possibility of my joining the staff of the Research School of Pacific Studies. But, as I explained to you yesterday, I was anxious to await the result of other enquiries before doing so.

However our conversation, and my recent one with Professor Davidson, has clarified the matter considerably, as far as I am concerned, and I feel now able to give you a definite decision.

I should be very glad to secure a position as a Research Fellow on the staff of the Australian National University on the terms mentioned in your letter, i.e. on the maximum of £1,300 on the incremental scale £800 to £1,300, plus a cost of living adjustment of (at present) £162.

A senior research fellowship would not interest me at the moment as it is only of a temporary character; perhaps as a civil servant I give too high a value to stability and permanence.

As I explained to you, I am in no particular hurry to take up the appointment, but am anxious not to miss it by not being in a position to do so at the time preferred by the University. I suggest, therefore, that if you decide to make the offer to me you might also stipulate approximately when you wish me to start work in Canberra, and I will make my plans this end accordingly. In any event I should like, if possible, to be able to give six months' notice to the South Pacific Commission.

Professor Raymond Firth,  
Research School of Pacific Studies,  
Australian National University,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.



I have already written to the British Colonial Office letting them know informally that I contemplate retiring in the fairly near future: I fancy that owing to my perhaps rather extreme specialization on the Pacific Islands they may be secretly relieved at this, though probably too polite to say so.

Then I leave for Noumea on the 26th where I will also prepare the Commissioners for my departure probably some time next year. This seems only fair as they may have difficulty in replacing me and will need to start unofficial enquiries as soon as possible.

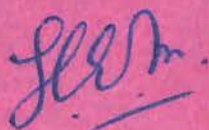
After that I will do nothing until I receive a more or less firm offer from the University which would justify me in finally burning my boats and giving formal notice.

// As you request, I enclose a list of what I can remember or trace of my publications. It is, I realize, insignificant when compared with those of persons engaged in academic work but, as you know, it is relatively seldom that reports of Colonial Service officers are printed and published by Governments.

I think I have dealt with all relevant points and will proceed along the lines I have set out above unless I hear from you to the contrary.

Before closing may I thank you, and also Professor Crocker and Professor Davidson, very sincerely indeed for your kindness in furthering my life ambition to settle down and work on my Pacific Islands material. The thought of being able to retire from administrative routine into real research and writing (and on subjects which I have read and thought about for the past twenty years) is almost unbelievable and I shall keep my fingers firmly crossed until I hear that all is well and the appointment approved.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. MAUDE

List of Published Items - H.E. Maude

- \* (1) "Adoption in the Gilbert Islands". Journal of the Polynesian Society. Wellington, 1931.
- \* (2) "The Social Organization of Banaba or Ocean Island, Central Pacific". Journal of the Polynesian Society. Wellington, 1932.
- \* (3) "String Figures from the Gilbert Islands". Journal of the Polynesian Society. Wellington, various dates (in continuation).
- (4) "Culture Change and Education in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands". Seminar-Conference on Education in Pacific Countries. Mimeographed. Honolulu, 1936.
- (5) "The Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony". Pan-Pacific. Honolulu, 1936.
- (6) "Report on the Colonization of the Phoenix Islands by the Surplus Population of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands". Confidential. Suva, Govt. Printer, 1938.
- (7) "The History of the Phoenix and Line Islands, with special reference to the Question of British Sovereignty". Secret. Govt. Printer, Suva, 1941.
- (8) "The Gilbert Islands". Published by the U.S. Marine Corps for military use. Honolulu, 1941.
- (9) "The Constitution and Code of Laws of Pitcairn Island". Suva, Govt. Printer, 1942.
- (10) "Report on the Re-organization of the Public Service of the Kingdom of Tonga". Nuku'alofa, Govt. Printer, 1943.
- (11) "The Post-war Political and Administrative Re-organization of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony". Auckland, Leightons Ltd., (for Western Pacific High Commission), 1945.
- (12) "The Future of the Banaban Population of Ocean Island; with special relation to their Lands and Funds". Auckland, Leightons Ltd., (for Western Pacific High Commission), 1946.

- (13) "Social Development in the South Pacific". South Pacific. April, 1950.
- (14) "The Co-operative Movement in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands". South Pacific. May, 1950.
- (15) "Mass Education through Co-operation - the Development of the Co-operative Movement in the Gilbert Islands". Mass Education Bulletin. Dec., 1950.
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- (16) "The Colonization of the Central Pacific: an historical account". (Submitted for publication).
- (17) "A Social and Administrative History of Pitcairn Island". (Ready for publication).
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RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PACIFIC STUDIES

# The Australian National University

CANBERRA

A.C.T.

Telephone: 566

Box 4, G.P.O.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

14th September, 1951.

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

My dear Maude,

This is just a note to thank you for your hospitality the other day. It was good to have a chance of talking with you for so long.

I have mentioned to Davidson both the Archives Committee suggestion and the suggestion that he might do you a memorandum on historical monuments. I gather he is seeing you next week and will be able to discuss them with you.

I have made preliminary enquiries about the possibility of securing you for a post of the kind we mentioned. The suggestion was received quite favourably. There can be two alternatives. One would be a fellowship of which the present salary range is £800 to £1300. In addition to the top salary of £1300 which we would be suggesting, there would be a cost of living adjustment of £162, making a total of £1462 per annum. The appointment would be for five years in the first instance, then renewable till 65. The intention is that such an appointment should be a permanent one and, of course, it always offers the possibility of taking a readership which would carry a higher salary as well as enlarged responsibilities. The other type of post is the senior research fellowship. The salary range for this is rather higher than for a fellowship, but the post is definitely for a limited period and is not intended to be renewable. The idea is that it should be rather more akin to a readership in status but of a non-permanent character. I rather gathered from what you said the other day that it would be a post of the fellowship, i.e. permanent, kind to which you would be attracted should you come to us. Am I right in this?

/We were

(you and I)

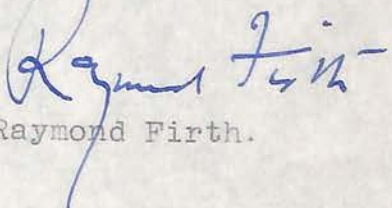
We were discussing on the basis of a minimum salary of £1250 and as you see, such a post would offer something a little better than that.

All of this is of course extremely tentative and I recognise that it is at least as much so on your side as on ours. But we here are in the position to draw up a concrete proposal along the lines indicated and submit it through the Vice Chancellor to the Council. I feel pretty sure that it would be accepted. There is something to be said for going ahead with the proposal now and leaving the appointment to be taken up at convenience, i.e. in six months' to a year's time. Davidson may not have much chance of a private talk with you, but you can probably discuss any details with him should you wish. In particular, if we are to go ahead with the proposal, we should have as complete a list of your publications as possible. If you agree, I think it would be quite in order to list those publications which were put out as confidential official documents since the papers of the Council here are confidential and, in any case, no more than the title would appear.

In the meantime, if the idea does really appeal to you, drop me a note and we can begin to draft the proposal. I should of course send you the draft to look at before anything further was done.

Don't feel that this is rushing things in any way. You know that it always takes time for any proposal of this kind to go through the machinery and as actual assumption of appointment is concerned, that is very much a matter for arrangement at your discretion and with no haste at all, **3** but I think it is useful while Florey and Wheare are here to get any necessary discussions on such matters started.

Yours sincerely,

  
Raymond Firth.