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Dear Harry,

The Grimble Book

Thanks for your letter of 23 December which was copied to Pergamon Press. I have discussed the matter with Uentabo Neemia.

Incidentally you mentioned that ~~that~~ was the weak ANU sales organization that was the downfall of ANU Press. Yes, in part. But I think their bureaucratic approach to the whole exercise was probably even more significant. But ~~what~~ is a detail.

You mentioned that I said that we would publish if you had it typed as a final copy to run off by offset. Not that I recall. I think that ~~what~~ I said was that we would like ^{you} to get the typesetting (i.e. proper typesetting for book publishing) done in Australia where you could supervise the checking and proof-reading of the typesetting, and that we would print in Suva.

Doing it through Pergamon is OK by us in principle, but whether it will be OK in practice depends on the specific proposal they have to put up. My impression of Pergamon had been that they were of very high cost, ~~Typesetting would be~~ likely to produce material that no Pacific islander could buy, but we very much hope we are wrong in that impression. Certainly the ANU Press arrangement for Slavers in Paradise was excellent and achieved its purpose and that book is in libraries throughout the Pacific as well as in every teachers college and in the personal hands of a large number of Pacific islanders (but a lot more keep asking for it and we have no further stock, so if you know of anymore that we could get hold of in the same arrangement we would be very happy).

St. Gilbertese ethnohistory. You mention that this would probably be rejected for publication by ~~Sir~~ Peter and that you would therefore prefer to get it published in an earthly edition, even though material editions lack the heavenly grace (and are much more expensive to publish)! No, seriously, this is clearly a very important piece of work and we would be interested to publish. Your generous offer to subsidize if necessary is also much

appreciated and we can discuss that at a later stage when there is a specific manuscript by known length and we can calculate likely market etc. You ask about 100,000 words. Yes, one cannot be too rigid on that before it is written. In principle the shorter the better, but whatever length you need obviously must be published. So let's go ahead with that.

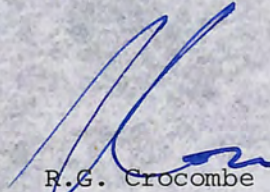
Oral ~~texts~~. You mention that you propose to duplicate a hundred or so for the Kiribati people. This would be very valuable and I'm sure greatly appreciated. You don't mention whether you propose to do that in Canberra or whether you want us to be involved with it. Within reason, we would be happy to help in that exercise if that was the most convenient way. But we are certainly not *pushing* ~~it~~ if you have other avenues.

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I attach a review from Pacific Viewpoint which you may not have seen.

With warmest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,



R.G. Crocombe
Director
Institute of Pacific Studies

33 Glassop St.,
Balmain 2041
28 December, 1985

Dear Howard & Harry,

As usual, we are just getting around to writing Christmas letters as the year draws to a close. Back in November, when we should have been doing it, we were all too busy; over the last few days we have just been too lazy!

After a miserable November and early December, the weather has now turned fine and hot. This is one of the best years for cicadas that we can remember. Howard Gelman, a friend of ours from Madison, has been working for the ABC in Sydney over the last six months, and was surprised and deafened by the sudden noise. Torben has been going on regular cicada hunts; he goes out at dusk with a torch and collects the cicada nymphs as they emerge from the ground. Then we all watch for an hour or two as the nymph splits open its shell and the adult climbs out. His parents had not seen this happen until they were in their thirties.

Torben has had a good year at school after a shaky start. His teacher was a very strict disciplinarian, and he found it a bit of a shock for a while. However, they both managed to find a modus vivendi, and eventually became buddies. We were all delighted that he was chosen for a six week Creative Writing course at one of the local schools, and he seemed to enjoy that course immensely. He won the junior school library prize this year, and seems to read non-stop. He is enjoying swimming and surfing this summer, and we are all looking forward to 10 days on Lord Howe Island early in January where we hope to do some snorkelling again, having got all enthusiastic while we were in Tahiti earlier this year.

Greg had a busy time in Seattle at the end of 1984, and managed to get a lot of experimental work done. Unfortunately, he landed back home just as the new academic year was starting, and very rapidly got involved in a heavy teaching year. However, he did manage to do some work with the ultracentrifuges, and next year, with the aid of a special grant, is hoping to link the scanner and the plate reader directly to a new computer. During the year some progress was made with the self-association of spectrin, and as a slight change of direction, some work was done with chloroplast membranes.

As usual Caroline tried to do more than was reasonable. Teaching in four courses in the first semester was simply ridiculous and exhausting. Second semester with only two courses was more manageable and it was even possible to give a paper at the Women's Studies Conference at Sydney University, which was an exciting and new venture for her. Sadly, Margaret, Caroline's mother, died in late September,

but it was a welcome release after a long and tragic mental illness. Losing both parents within a year has been a strange and difficult experience but now most of the memories are happy. Next year Caroline is determined to teach less, research more, enjoy her family and friends more and withdraw almost entirely from academic politics and administration. Her second, 3-year term on Macquarie University Council ends in March '86 and she is not seeking re-election. Council work has been fascinating but 6 years is enough. Perhaps next Christmas letter she will report how she has spent all that new-found spare time!?

Meanwhile, things around the house keep calling out for attention; most rooms need repainting, the carpets need replacing, and the garden needs more attention from us and less from Gorm, who aged ten years, still can't resist the urge to scabble up new plantings and generally help the forces of entropy. Despite these lapses, Gorm is still a much loved member of the family, is well and remains as stupid as ever.

With every best wish to you both for
1986.

With my love,
Caroline.

P.S. It was such a pleasure to see you both
in Suva in the middle of the year.



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

JOINT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE
PARLIAMENT HOUSE, CANBERRA A.C.T. 2600

Sub-Committee on the South Pacific

16 December 1985

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Mr Harry H Maude
11 Namatjura Drive
WESTON ACT

Dear Mr Maude

The Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence has resolved to conduct an inquiry into Australia's relations with the South Pacific.

The inquiry has been referred to a Sub-Committee, of which I am Chairman, and is to be conducted within the following terms of reference:

To investigate and report upon Australia's foreign relations in the South Pacific region, with particular reference to:

1. current regional issues of political, economic and security concern to Australia and to other South Pacific countries;
2. Australia's foreign, economic and development assistance policies in the region;
3. the impact on Australia of security, political and economic developments in the region.

The Sub-Committee envisages that it will hold public hearings and informal discussions with relevant Commonwealth Government Departments in Canberra and with interested organisations and individuals throughout Australia.

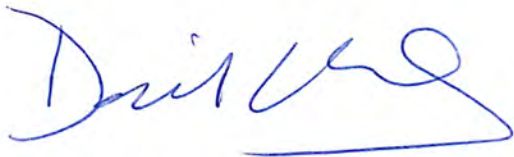
I am writing to seek your assistance with this inquiry and the preparation of a written submission. Submissions should be received by the Sub-Committee no later than Friday 16 May 1986.

Further information may be obtained by contacting:

Dr Lee Kerr
Secretary
Sub-Committee on the South Pacific
Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Ph. (062) 72 7720

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Charles', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Charles, MP
Sub-Committee Chairman

Christmas card sent
(crossed with this)

61 Mairds Causeway
Cambridge
England. CB5 8DE
8th December '85.

My dear Honor & Henry

I do hope you are both well
and enjoying your new home. I
also hope the move wasn't too
exhausting. I am well but not
looking forward to the coming
winter.

The Boman is still held up
partly by the Fiji spelling reform
that the Museum has got involved
in. ^{and partly by the valua} It all seems a nonsense to
me and the most difficult parts of
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tackled.

All the best for Christmas & 1986
and love
from

Jane

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Mr. Mrs H. E. Mawdsle,
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Unit 42, 'Miringani',
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17 November, 1985.

Dear Dick,

Thank you for your letter LA:12/42/R of 27 September on the subject of Paddy's typescripts. I agree that \$1350 could be put to better uses so I'll settle for a microfilm.

This will actually do better as it will take up less storage space and I doubt if I shall use the letters for reference more than once or twice a year. Please let me know how much I owe you when you have totalled up the score and I'll send it along.

I had a letter from Simon Seligman the other day and duly sent him the Grimble Papers which he wanted. He sounds a bit of a dilettante, with a down on Barrie Macdonald for something he has written on Grimble, whom he appears to consider a sanctified pre-eminence immune from all criticism. Would that we all were.

Simon tells me that he is writing three books on the I-Kiribati as companion volumes, or sequels, to Grimble's Pattern of Islands and Return to the Islands. I have tried to assist him with reading lists and the like, but he is difficult to help, having a confidence in his own talents which I should dearly love to possess; and he seems to lack any ability to distinguish between the probable and the merely bizarre.

I fancy that Simon has a contract with the BBC or some other organization concerned with mass entertainment, since he is most anxious to be admitted as a member of the boti Karongoa n Uea, as he professes to believe his grandfather was.

I have never heard of anyone being admitted as a member of any boti except by descent or adoption as nati or tibu, but see no reason why he should not invent some sort of ceremony to satisfy the British media. In other parts of the Pacific bogus 'initiations' are a part of the hocus-pocus got up for tourists.

Barrie came over last week for the launching of The Phosphateers by the Governor-General, who to my astonishment had actually read the book. I am reviewing it for PIM, as it seems a model of its genre.

Yours sincerely,

Harry M. Auld

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P.O BOX 6,
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LA: 12/42/R

27th September, 1985

Prof. H.E. Maude
Unit 42, Mirinjani
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AUSTRALIA

Dear Professor Maude,

You may recall that in your letter of May 14th last, you expressed a wish to have photocopies of the WPHC records copied by Paddy Macdonald, and covering the period 1874-1908(not 1914). These records have now arrived and I have sorted through and arranged most of them. These are about 4500 pages. As I am obliged to charge 30c per page for photocopies the cost would be an astounding \$1350 which I think excessive.

I would like to suggest that if you still wish the records to be copied, then you might consider a microfilm copy instead. The records would require not more than 6 rolls (100ft) of film and the cost should be about \$400 or possibly a bit less. Before you decide on this I should advise that Paddy Macdonald has extracted and retained some of the copies of correspondence and papers in connected with a series of stories he has been writing. I do not know the quantity of material he has withheld, nor do I know for how long he intends to keep it. Paddy has promised to send it on eventually when he has finished with it, hopefully when his stories are published.

We have a young man Simon Seligmann in our midst at present, grandson of Arthur Grimble, son of Rosemary. Among other things he is recording music; collecting stories; writing about this place; writing(an attack) on T.S. Eliot and his followers; and apparently seeking possible relatives of his on Beru and Abemama. I believe he has written to you once or twice so perhaps you know about him already.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Rick Overy'.

(R. OVERY)
Librarian/Archivist

To British High Commission
Baniki, S. Tarawa,
Kiritati.

Dear Harry,

Thank you so much for sending
those photocopies of Grimble's anthropological
notes. I was horrified that it took you a
day and a half - I naturally assumed there
would be some departmental secretary or research
student to whom you would be able to delegate
the task. I will try and make it up to
you some other way. The notes I will deposit
in the National Archives here when I've finished
with them in order that all those hours may
benefit Kiritati ~~then~~ in some other way than
just producing one book. Dick has told me he
hasn't got them.

I was cross with Bonnie MacDonald,
as I explained in another letter I sent to you
to the Anthropological Dept. of Aotearoa, because of
an article in *New Pacific Islands Postprints*
edited by Donjek Sears entitled 'Grimble of the
Gilberts'. In it he says some very cheap things,
among them dismissing my grandfather's two books
as 'works of fiction'. In the first place they are
not, in the second place, as I was told by a
minister, "they are true to the spirit of Kiritati"
whereas "MacDonald's books are purely I-Matary

History. Bamie is a new boy here. He can't be expected to know us. Your grandfather did. I explained in the letter to you, ~~addressed to the Anthropological Dept.~~ at ANU, that I thought it the work of a thoroughgoing academic cheapskate. He hit below the belt, and I shall remember it.

I got a letter back from Routledge saying they didn't think things on the Pacific were their pigeon, perhaps I should suggest it to ANU Press! (I hear that they've recently gone out of business). What a pity about "Migrations of a Pandanus People". If I can get any money together, I shall help. I hope to be able to read the secret history of the Karongoa sometime — I assume you are also preparing that for publication?

Dick has also told me how pressed for time you are and so I am especially grateful for all those hours you spent photocopying for me. I wish you all the best in your endeavours, publishing and otherwise.

Best wishes,

Simon

Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, ACT 2611,
19 November, 1985.

Dear Simon,

A second letter from you arrived on Friday. It was dated the 28th August and finally reached me on the 15th November, due to it being addressed to the Department of Anthropology, Australian National University.

So the ANU Mail Exchange sent it to Anthropology in the School of General Studies where the Departmental Secretary probably thought that I might be some visiting academic who might turn up in due course. Professor Forge would have known me, being an old friend, but the secretarial staff would not have had a clue, as they come and go all the time.

Anyway she eventually returned it to the mail exchange, where they tried the Department of Anthropology in the Research School of Pacific Studies in the School of Advanced Studies, who sent it on to me. It sounds all very complicated but this is because the Teaching University is only loosely linked with the Research University, and there are over 2,000 members of the academic staff.

However your letter explains several matters that were obscure in your later letter, which arrived many weeks earlier. In particular I now see that what upset you was Barrie's article in a work called More Pacific Islands Portraits, edited by Deryck Scarr, whereas I thought that you were complaining about his coverage of your grandfather's period in Cinderellas of the Pacific.

I have now got hold of the offending book and read the article, and agree that it presents a rather unflattering picture. I think this is because Grimble was the last of the authoritarian administrators - a benevolent patriarch - and was often at loggerheads with the HC, CO or BPC, and particularly with Vaskess, who ran the WPHC, and for whom I later worked for seven years.

Hence I am sure that Barrie has chapter and verse for everything he says, and in fact he has not used material which he could have to support his statements: such as the famous Banaban letter, which embarrassed the Crown defence in London; or the delicious despatch in which the HC begs the SOS to excuse Grimble's 'pedantic' style of writing because there was actually sense in what he was trying to say.

But Barrie does not dwell much on the other side of Grimble, his warmth and courtesy, his affection for his friends among the Gilbertese (he was the first official to have any) and his consummate gifts as a savant, and above all as a littérateur. His

article deals only with him as an administrator and this is not the *métier* on which his fame rests.

I hope that my appreciation of Grimble as a scientist and writer, which forms the Introduction to the Grimble Papers, may help to restore the balance between the various facets of his complex character. As I said to you in my last letter Clio takes her time to reach her final assessment on all of us.

Now to answer your queries. Yes I have read the chapter of Pattern of Islands which you mention; and no, I see little fictional in it but have always regarded it as accurate, subject to sundry literary embellishments which in my view are both permissible and necessary when writing not for a scientific readership but for popular consumption.

It upholds what I have maintained: that there is no method or ritual for the incorporation of anyone into a boti except by adoption as a nati or tibu (see our article 'Adoption in the Gilbert Islands', Journal of the Polynesian Society, vol.40, no.4 (Dec. 1931), p.232, which was shown to Grimble; and my monograph The Evolution of the Gilbertese Boti (1977), p.28).

What is perhaps not clearly stated, I think for the sake of literary effect, is that Grimble's incorporation in the boti of Karongoa n Uea was not because of any fictitious descent from Ten Tanentoa (see ibid, p.12) but because he was adopted by the Karongoa Tekirei, presumably as a tibu owing to the greater responsibilities towards his adopter which a nati has.

The adoption should therefore have preceded the seating in the maneaba, which would have had no special ceremony on the island of adoption, though if challenged as to why he was sitting in Karongoa Grimble could have recited Tekirei's genealogy, not a Beru one with which he had no connection. And Mautake would not have been sitting in Karongoa for he belonged to the boti Maerua, nor would he have been reciting a Karongoa genealogy.

All this is merely to say that the adoption would seem not to have been in conformity with Gilbertese custom but rather a special one devised and conferred 'honoris causa' on a European. The maneaba in which it took place would have been almost surely Buariki as that was the leading Karongoa one on Tarawa and Mautake was connected with it (see my monograph on The Gilbertese Maneaba (1980), p.42.

If I am right you should ideally find the descendants of Tekirei, introduce yourself as his tibu (he would be your tibu toru), learn his genealogical tree down to yourself, and arrange to sit in your boti for interrogation. Or get someone from Karongoa to recite it on your behalf.

I know it all sounds a bit bogus but as boti rights are no longer functional what does it matter? Customs of this type are being resurrected all over the Pacific to encourage the tourist trade; and your case is immeasurably more genuine than the hocus-pocus tourists are led to believe genuine. In fact if properly done it should be genuine enough; though a revival of a custom in desuetude.

But I feel that you should find the right maneaba and the right relatives, and it might cost a sack of rice and another of flour for a feast in addition to the stick tobacco; in which case the food could be divided in accordance with boti custom. If you are under contract I see nothing against the business being filmed, provided the Old Men agree in advance.

As to your coffee-coloured cousins on Beru I should be surprised if any exist, for as far as I know Grimble never lived there for any length of time without his wife and he was in any case averse from any such relationships, if only because by the next ship the entire episode would in all probability be broadcast in minute detail, with appropriate sound effects, right through the 16 islands. And the missions would have used the incident against him. I shared his home for over a year and if I learnt anything from him during our evening conversations it was to keep away from Gilbertese women.

Mind you, if it becomes accepted that you have money to spare you will find cousins galore but I advise you to have them blood-tested before you accept their say-so, for it could prove an expensive luxury. I always considered Grimble rather prudish: he never told a risqué story like other Europeans in the islands, or listened to one, at least while I was with him; but then he was the RC.

Finally, as regards your last paragraph, I quite agree that Grimble's two books convey a better and truer picture of Gilbertese life than anything Barrie has written, or anyone else for that matter. One would hardly expect otherwise and it bears out my constant advice to post-graduate scholars and students that if you want facts and figures by all means turn to a work on history, anthropology, psychology, political science, and the like, and when necessary to directories, reference works and government compendiums, but that if you want to get the real feel of a place and a community nothing else can take the place of a good literary work, whether factual or not.

In my reading lists for scholars on the various island groups I invariably start off with the classic literary works: for students working on Gilbertese studies I recommend Grimble, followed by Stevenson, and lastly Sabatier.

Which reminds me that I forgot to mention that the material which I sent you, plus some published and some oral mythological items not included in the Grimble Papers, has been available on microfilm for the past 20 years or so. If you want a copy write to Robert Langdon, Director of the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, GPO Box 4, Canberra, ACT 2601.

Wishing you all success with your trilogy; and let me know should you ever need something (particularly information on documentation),

Yours sincerely,

Harry M. Wade

28th August 1985

To British High Commission
Durr Tarama
Kinbati,

Dear Mr. Nande,

I am here enjoying Tarama immensely. However I have become so involved in recording folk music for the BBC that I have done no writing as yet. A project is taking place in my mind for a book and it involves retracing Grimble's footsteps and taking my place in his 'boti' of Karongoa in Bem. Here you have raised a problem. You rather pointedly said in your letter to me that you were unaware of Grimble's adoption to Karongoa 'boti', yet you surely must have read the sub-section 'In no strange land' of Chapter 7 in 'Patton of Islands' where just such an adoption takes place. Are you implying that that account is another of the 'fictional' episodes in Grimble's narrative? What may have caused the problem is that the adoption to Karongoa took place on Tarama, and my grandfather posed as a man coming from Bem. In that case, perhaps the place of my prospective re-adoption should be here, rather than Bem, although I am rather fascinated by reports that I have cousins there descended from Grimble's relationship with a woman of that island. The bishop, himself a Bem man, would neither confirm nor deny them.

A word about Barnie MacDonald. While I am aware that his 'Cinderellas of Empire' has been greatly commended in various quarters, his essay 'Grimble of the Gilberts' in "More Pacific Essays" strikes me as the work of a thoroughgoing academic cheapskate. It appears that octopuses^(i?) certainly are caught in that fashion - there was a casualty in Noumea only last month - and I have heard educated Gilbertese festify that his stories are true to the spirit of Kiriwani Man Barnie MacDonald's history. The proof for me is that on Maiana I heard ^{some} Grimble's stories recounted as part of traditional myth, with the teller apparently unaware of their ^{first fold here} provenance. First fold here

Best wishes
SIMON SELIGMAN.

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Unit 42, 'Miringani',
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Weston, ACT 2611,
Australia,
27 October, 1985.

Dear Simon,

Thank you for your letter of 1 October, which I found waiting for me here on my return from a visit to South Australia and Victoria last week.

I am glad that you have settled down in your new milieu and that you propose publishing a trilogy in continuation of your grandfather's books published by John Murray; presumably the main theme will be what social scientists term culture change.

I have sent by airmail, in two separate envelopes, photocopies of Grimble's anthropological notes, as requested, and trust that they may prove of interest and help you to obtain the baseline view so necessary when engaged in diachronic studies.

They represent merely a preliminary typescript prepared in a hurry for the ANU Press, who were anxious to use it to stave off efforts to abolish them. Since then I have used them as the basis for preparing a second typescript (normally I make four, the last professionally done) but there is no point in completing this until I have fixed up a publisher as they all have different views and requirements as to format.

Still, it will do for your purposes, I have no doubt, as I have corrected it in ink where necessary to make the text clear. The lowest quote for making a photocopy was \$100 so I did it myself on my own machine. I should have unstapled the sections but only thought of it when half way through so some pages look rather horrid. I did the job in little more than a day and a half and of course there is no charge.

Thank you also for your very kind remarks on some of my effusions on Gilbertese studies and for mentioning The Grimble Book to Routledge and Kegan Paul, though I'm afraid that neither they nor any other commercial publisher would look at it for a minute simply because it is not a book according to their definition of the term, i.e. a connected literary composition, but rather a collection of source material which must be preserved in permanent form primarily for the Gilbertese of tomorrow but also for the dozen or so specialists who may be interested in the Gilbertese or in historical anthropology. It would have no sale to the general public.

Hence the only publishers interested in it are necessarily university presses who may be prepared to take a loss in order to ensure the preservation of something possessing scientific value. Four of these paragons have expressed an interest and I have agreed to subsidize publication to the tune of several thousand dollars from the fund I have established to help the promotion of Gilbertese studies.

Despite ten years of badgering the Polynesian Society have refused to publish the final part of Grimble's work on 'The Migrations of a Pandanus People' and Read, the NZ publishers, eventually backed out of their undertaking to take it over. So to my great regret we shall never see the study in book form unless, again, I can subsidize it.

This is unlikely in the immediate future for my available funds are tied up in a project to start next year for publishing a Journal (possibly entitled 'Kiribati'), for the publication of fiction, poetry, factual and critical studies, history, etc., mainly by the Gilbertese themselves and in either Gilbertese or English. The idea emanated from the I-Kiribati and the time seems opportune. It would be nice if the first issue could appear on my eightieth birthday, following the presentation of a festschrift on my seventieth.

I do heartily agree with you that the kainikamaen would make an excellent subject for an in-depth study of Gilbertese custom in transition, and that Maiana is the best island for working on it. Your grandfather never worked on the theme except in passing and although it has been dealt with from a technical standpoint by an American musicologist who came to see me a few years ago her interest was really in Gilbertese music and not, so far as I can remember, in the antecedent methods of preparation. You have, I expect, got copies of Whincup, J. & T., Te Kateke; P.B. Laxton's article on 'A Gilbertese Song' in JPS and (with Te Kaitu Namoriki), 'Ruoia, a Gilbertese Dance; and possibly the series of films by Gerd Koch and Dieter Christensen on Gilbertese Dancing, with the accompanying booklets, published in 1968.

Yes, The Phosphateers is out and I am reviewing the tour de force for PIM at the moment, having had so much to do with it over the years. I agree that there is no point in your reading it unless you are particularly interested in the detailed history of the BPC. But you are wrong in thinking that Barrie had anything to do with Grimble's period as RC, briefly mentioned in it, for the last reference to Grimble is on p.230 and Barrie's contribution deals exclusively with the post-World War II period and commences on p.349.

You seem to have some sort of grievance against Barrie, to judge from remarks in your letter, but as you do not state its nature I do not know your grounds. But I must say that I found one or two of your remarks rather intemperate. Barrie is a most competent historian, the first President of the Association of Pacific Historians and a great documentarian. If he has said something that you dislike you can be sure that he has ample primary documentation to support it.

So before you say or write anything I do strongly advise you, for your own sake, to consult your solicitors first. Barrie can, of course, take good care of himself but you, on the other hand, could easily ruin your literary credibility by some false step made under emotional stress before you had finished your first book, which I am anxious to see come into print for the sake of the Gilbertese as well as your mother and yourself.

Your grandfather was, in my opinion, one of the six finest classical writers on the Pacific. But on the other hand he was a colonial administrator and as such a public figure and thus open to public appraisal, with his conduct a legitimate subject of research by professional historians. This exposure usually works out reasonably well in the long run, though Clio takes her time.

It is not the function of historians to write hagiographies or even apologias but reasoned objective accounts including assessments whether favourable or unfavourable. As for your statement that you have no idea whether Barrie's remarks are factually correct or not, but will none the less require him to retract everything he has written by a public announcement accompanied by a personal apology to yourself, I take it that you are being facetious, for otherwise I should perforce have to regard what you have said with amazement as being an unscholarly ultimatum on a par with the burning of the books by Christian and secular dictators. Your grandfather would, I am quite positive, have been horrified at your attitude, for he was a devoted adherent of both scholarly and democratic precepts and behaviour.

Unfortunately Grimble's reputation suffered not from anything Barrie may have written but, as you must be aware, from allegations made during the Banaban case in London, the consequential adverse publicity in the press and the effects of the famous film, which was shown to millions and even throughout this part of the world.

I suggested at the time to the relevant authorities that I should publish in effect a reasoned refutation and vindication, since I was the only person alive to know the facts first-hand. But I was advised not to as it would only serve to give further publicity to the powerful anti-colonial faction in Britain; far better, they said, to let sleeping dogs lie till they died. And in the event their advice proved to be correct.

However this is rather beside the point for my main concern for you arises from your apparent conviction that if you physically assault Barrie it will in some extraordinary way prove that your grandfather had a sanctified personality and was therefore immune from criticism of his actions, unlike you or I or anybody else.

Nothing could be further from the truth, for if you essay to be a writer you will have to mix with civilized and educated people who do not, unlike the members of the Builders Labourers Federation or the Dockers Union, believe that arguments can best be solved by bashing someone on the head but by reasoned, documented, argument published preferably in a regional scholarly journal, of which there are several to choose from.

Incidentally Barrie himself is now more interested in political science than history proper; he has left the field of Gilbertese studies and so far as I know has no plans to return to Kiribati in the foreseeable future, if ever.

You ask whether researchers have suggested a South Indian origin for the Gilbertese. A connexion between the two areas has been suggested from time to time; for the most recent study see David Lewis, 'The Pacific Navigators' debt to the ancient seafarers of Asia', in Gunson, Niel (ed.), The Changing Pacific, Melbourne, OUP, 1978, pp.46-66 (Dick has a copy but I can send you one if you like). It is more usual, however, to trace an indirect connexion in that both areas were inhabited by people who had a common origin in the South China - SEAsian region (see Bellwood, Peter, Man's Conquest of the Pacific, New York, OUP, 1979, for the best study of migration routes). For an amusing argument that Java and other parts of Indonesia were settled by the Gilbertese see Coates, Austin, Islands of the South, New York, Pica Press, 1974.

As you are concerned with culture change you may care to have a look at Henry Lundsgaarde's, 'Post-contact changes in Gilbertese maneaba organization' in the same book - The Changing Pacific - pp.67-79. And you might also glance at the next two papers, which again deal with Gilbertese acculturation, though possibly they lie more outside your field of main concern.

Wishing you all the best with your work, and I am glad to see from recent news that you will be witnessing Gilbertese democracy in action on the question of Russian fishing rights - it should be very interesting and rewarding to be on the spot at such a time,

Yours sincerely,

Henry M. ande

our regards to your
lovely lady Honour
G. U.

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Dear Harry,

A very, very, much delayed
letter to thank you very much indeed
for the gift of your book. I've read it
twice already and am amazed at the
amount of research you must have
done in writing it. And I am envious
of all those lonely islands you spent so
much time on and very especially the
ones that you resettled. The sense of
achievement must be reward enough.

Having spent many years in unspoilt areas
myself I can appreciate that you must
also treasure memories of what it used to
be like before the modern world caught
up with it. And if you had the chance
to do it again you wouldn't change any
of it!

All is well with me and mine and
our future seems settled now.

Very sincerely
Charles Newmarch

Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, ACT 2611,
3 November, 1985.

Dear Niel,

Thank you for your kindness in letting me see a copy of your admirable report on the possible continuation of the work of the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau on the abolition of the position of Executive Officer on the retirement of Mr R.A. Langdon in 1986.

In general I find nothing of consequence with which I disagree in your submissions and I shall confine myself to brief comments on the four points on page 3:-

(1) I think that you are in error in stating that the post held by Mr Langdon is being resumed, for there never was any post in the Department of Pacific History or anywhere else to resume. To the best of my recollection concerning my negotiations with the Vice-Chancellor, Sir John Crawford, he agreed to create a temporary position of Research Assistant in the Research School of Pacific Studies for a specific purpose only, i.e. to provide for someone to take full-time charge of what became known as the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau. Should the PMB be abolished or other arrangements be made for the administration the post would also be abolished and the funds saved revert to the general funds of the University.

At a later date the position was upgraded to that of Research Officer for the period of its tenure by Mr Langdon, in recognition of his personal calibre, experience and status. In discussions with Professor J.W. Davidson it was also agreed to consider the post, for administrative purposes, as being part of his Department, thus enabling the EO to use departmental facilities whenever necessary.

It was never intended that the post of EO, PMB should form an addition to the research staff of the then Department of Pacific History, still less to the academic staff, or indeed that it should form an addition to the academic staff anywhere else in the University, but merely that it should be a temporary specialist post at the level of Research Officer for work undertaken in accordance with the agreement with member libraries of the PMB.

If therefore the post of EO, PMB has been or is being abolished the Vice-Chancellor, who established the post for a specific purpose, will presumably decide at his discretion how the monies saved should be allocated, conceivably by creating a new academic post in the Department of Pacific and SEAsian History, as you apparently envisage.

(2) I have no comment to make on this point as I do not know the statistical basis supporting it.

(3) This statement is incorrect and was presumably made by someone not conversant with the material available for collection in the islands.

Lest it be thought, however, that by saying that the work is very far indeed from being completed I imply in any way a reflection on Mr Langdon's prodigious efforts I should perhaps preface my remarks by a categorical affirmation that no one in the world could have achieved half as much as he has done in the time and that much of the material now available has become so because of the outstanding success of the PMB, whose activities are now known throughout the islands and commended by governments and the elite as a prestigious repository for family as well as island records.

If the University cares to pay my fares and expenses around the islands I will provide listings of material requiring micro-filming for safe preservation and record sufficient to keep the PMB busy for the foreseeable future.

Meanwhile we have all the Western Pacific High Commission archives once again crossing the world, this time to be dumped in the Solomon Islands, which has neither the funds nor any trained staff to deal with them and no local interest in their preservation.

Very few countries in the world possess adequate archives and maintain them at a standard considered satisfactory by world authorities. Certainly none of them are in Oceania where records must be considered as under high risk, not only from climatic causes and neglect but also from being 'borrowed' by politicians and others too high in the local pecking order to be resisted by any archivist.

The solution is to microfilm all records in local archives of any historical or scientific value, starting with the WPHC records not already copied (I believe they include all after 1926). This action will be welcomed not only by Pacific researchers and other scholars throughout the world but also by the Governments of Kiribati, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Tonga since much of the correspondence relates to these countries.

A second class of high risk records which has hitherto remained virtually untouched by the Bureau is the large volume of local vernacular documentation known or believed to exist in most parts of Polynesia and Micronesia (I am not competent to speak about Melanesia). These can only be reached by someone willing to visit not only the island capitals but also the outer islands and to contact local government representatives, chiefs, pastors, teachers and private citizens.

To quote an example from the island group on which I am at present working the priceless records of the High Chiefs of Butaritari and Abemama cannot be used by historians until copied. The present High Chiefs are, I am told, willing to make them available for microfilming provided they are not removed from their custody, and indeed they already exist as photocopies in the hands of American researchers.

A third class of high risk records consists of the oral material available in the islands, which unless collected in the next decade will disappear with the death of the old people who still remember the historical and cultural lore of their ancestors.

To mention again my own area of concentration I am working on the Grimble, Simmonds, La Touche, Pateman and Maude collections, amounting to possibly a thousand separate items, all of which should essentially be microfilmed to ensure preservation and availability for use by other researchers. A list of other collections on various areas made for the History Conference at Suva mentions material deposited in Otago, Wellington, Auckland, Hawaii, Guam, Ponape, Nukualofa and Canberra.

What is needed today is for someone to go out and locate all such scattered material, starting in the Department's Record Room. This should be photocopied and calendared so that it may be made available where most needed. Such action will enable the Bureau to see where fieldwork is still required: possibly, for a start, in the Tokelaus, Cooks, Niue, Samoa, Vanuatu and New Caledonia. Field-workers can then be sent out to transcribe and photocopy items for processing, as was done so successfully for whaling records.

My own material has gone for archival preservation or I could have, given time, listed material which should be, in my submission, made available to researchers by the Bureau, but I think that there is no need to labour the point. Those who have done in-depth research in the islands can, I am sure, prepare lists covering their areas of specialization.

I should, however, like to make one or two further points, the first being that several of the more important records are at present missing, such as the Jennings Olosenga Journal and the Richards Hecate Reports, but these could probably be found if a search were made, starting at the point at which they were first sighted. I feel confident that Mr Langdon would agree, since it was he who converted me to the belief that nothing is really lost, but merely mislaid.

A second point is that several Pacific collectors have spent much of their lives amassing every item of information, published or unpublished, on their chosen island, area or subject, such as the Lester Gaynor material on Christmas Island, the Martin Brunor collection on the Austral Islands, the early Catholic material on Woodlark Island, the Brewster material on Fiji, and the Gatty

material on Father Rougier and on maritime matters. Many of these collections, ready-made for researchers, have now been destroyed, e.g. the Goward and Boyd Papers, but those like the above which are believed to be still extant ought to be copied and preserved urgently, lest a similar fate should befall them.

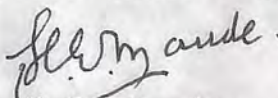
It is understood that the Bureau policy is not to copy records if they are situated in a recognized institution of deposit. My experience, as a result of corresponding with specialists on Pacific history and other Pacific studies, is that most of them have little idea as to the primary source material available on their subject and that the time is now overdue when the Bureau should, as was always envisaged, 'prepare and publish catalogues and guides to manuscripts', starting with a simple and not necessarily exhaustive listing of the more important collections of Pacific material in France, Spain, Germany and the United States. In two recent cases I was able to inform correspondents that there were manuscripts of vital importance to monographs which they were preparing as near as the Records Room of the Department, which so far as I am aware has never issued a list of its holdings and from which at least one invaluable report is now missing.

(4) To say that the independent island nations, many of them living from day to day on doles and hand-outs from Europe, Australasia, the United States or international bodies, have the funds 'to collect and conserve documentary material' in an adequate manner is too ridiculous to merit comment. Nor have I ever heard of an islander who regarded the PMB as a form of academic imperialism. What is widely and rightly regarded as such is the practice of some European researchers on Oceania to keep their acquired knowledge to themselves and their colleagues instead of disseminating it for the benefit of the island peoples. The practice of the PMB, however, is rightly the antithesis of this.

I do not know what plans are envisaged for carrying on the work of the PMB after Mr Langdon's retirement but if it is proposed that he should have a successor I would strongly advise against the choice of a librarian or archivist, these being essentially sedentary workers trained to wait for material to come to them and not to go out and seek it in often remote places, carrying their microfilming equipment with them.

Island-based people such as Fergus Clunie, Asesela Ravuvu or Howard van Trease could do the work admirably, but frankly I know of no one in Australia or New Zealand who could be expected to accomplish as much in six months as Robert Langdon did in one.

Yours sincerely,


H.E. Maude.

The Australian National University Memorandum

From W N Gunson
To See below
Reference _____
Date 10 October 1985

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1. This report which should be self-explanatory is also being sent to:

Ms Katherine Santamaria
Professors Brookfield, Golson, Howlett, Maude and Spate
Dr Daryll Tryon

It is also available to Chief Librarians, Senior Manuscript Librarians of the member libraries, Professor Daws, Drs Adams, Nelson, Scarr, Shineberg, Mr Jim Griffin, Mrs Norah Forster and Mrs Jennifer Terrell.

2. Additional enclosures regarding work yet to be done can be supplied.
3. No contact has yet been made with colleagues in other universities and other disciplines or with various organisations likely to have a professional interest in the future of the Bureau such as the Pacific History Association, the Institute of Pacific Studies and the American Association of Pacific Studies.
4. It would be fitting if Mr Langdon is given some recognition for his work for the Bureau by the University. The late Mrs Nan Phillips received an Honorary Master's Degree for comparable dedication and service, and an Honorary MA for PMB work would be appropriate.

Niel Gunson

W N Gunson
enc:

TO: The Director, RSPacS
Dr A J S Reid
Mr John Thompson, NLA

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THE DOCUMENTARY BASIS FOR PACIFIC STUDIES 1985

A report on outstanding and new desiderata

In March 1967 H.E. Maude compiled a 48 page report or survey study of documentary resources relating to the Pacific Islands. This report, expanded to 66 pages with appendices, led to the foundation of the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau. The PMB, as it came to be known, was supported by the Research School of Pacific Studies in the form of a post in the then Department of Pacific History, and by member libraries who contributed to the costs of the PMB.

The first part of Maude's report emphasised "the special importance of Pacific studies and its essential dependence on documentation, and outlined the special problems related to the collection of published material on the one hand and manuscript on the other, together with some of the more recent steps which have been taken to overcome them" (p 15). He then attempted "a condensed and necessarily provisional survey of Pacific manuscripts by country of location, indicating the extent to which they have been copied and the work which still needs to be done" (pp 15-43).

In the final section of the report Maude urged the formation of a "Pacific Islands Manuscripts Clearing Centre". The Centre was to be assigned the following responsibilities (p 43):

- (1) to search for all such manuscripts by scouring catalogues, guides, bibliographies, indexes, etc., as well as by correspondence with possible informants;
- (2) to catalogue in a form approved by the participating libraries the series and items reported or discovered;
- (3) to forward copies of all catalogue entries to each participating library;
- (4) to arrange for the copying by the most practicable means of such manuscripts and their forwarding to each library;
- (5) to prepare and publish catalogues and guides to manuscripts as approved by the participating libraries;

- (6) to prepare detailed and costed projects for the cataloguing and copying of manuscripts in particular countries, areas, libraries or archives for the consideration of the participating libraries; and
- (7) to prepare similar projects for the recording of oral material.

It is clear from the report that Maude initially envisaged a larger organisation than the Bureau which emerged. There was to be (p 44):

- (1) a non-mobile search, cataloguing, reporting and copying centre; and
- (2) one or more field searchers and recorders to survey particular areas as approved by the participating libraries.

In the report Maude concentrated on the "non-mobile" centre consisting of a part-time director (his preference was for an area specialist), a full-time bibliographer and a secretary-typist. When the PMB was established the director became full time, and the bibliographical and secretarial services were only possible when the Bureau accrued its own funds. Field search was never developed independently and filming in the Islands was largely limited to those projects drawn to the director's attention by concerned individuals in the Islands.

SUCCESS OF THE PMB

It is unnecessary to read the report of the Director of the PMB to be convinced that the PMB has achieved magnificent results.

- 1. Pacific scholars have benefited greatly from the very extensive body of primary material made readily available to them.
- 2. Teachers of Pacific history have been able to familiarise their students with primary material much more easily than when it was only possible to do so with readers' tickets to specialised collections.
- 3. The PMB is known and respected internationally by scholars and libraries who recognise it as the major clearing house for Pacific documentation.

4. Pacific Islanders have accepted the PMB as an outside organisation which is essential to them in preserving their documentary heritage. This achievement is largely due to the energies and dedication of the retiring Director, Mr R.A. Langdon.

TERMINATION OF STAFF POSITION

The retirement of Mr Langdon in 1986 means also that his post in the University will be resumed by the Department of Pacific and Southeast Asian History. The arguments for resuming the post appear to be as follows:

1. The academic needs of the School/Department are paramount in times of financial stringency.
2. The member libraries have only been making a nominal contribution to the funding of the PMB since the 1960s, and the burden of support must now fall on them.
3. Most of the work which the PMB was set up to do has been done.
4. Now that most of the Pacific Island nations are independent there is no longer the same need to continue the work as they should have their own funds to collect and conserve documentary material. It is also implied that the work of the PMB in the context of the Islands is somehow a form of academic imperialism.

While 1 and 2 above are incontrovertible the remainder of this report will argue that 3 and 4 are untrue, and finally, that there are good grounds for expanding the brief of a continuing PMB.

WORK YET TO BE DONE

Despite the impressive achievement of the PMB under the direction of Mr Langdon this achievement has been limited to the work of one dedicated incumbent largely confined to a "non-mobile" centre and attacking a number of major filming projects. Without undervaluing this achievement it is necessary to place it in the general context of documentation for the Pacific. In the words of Professor Maude himself, the material filmed by the Bureau is "only the tip of the iceberg". One doubts if there is any Pacific scholar (whether historian, anthropologist or natural scientist) who does not know of documentary material which needs to be filmed.

In regard to material in Europe and elsewhere outside the Pacific a glance at Maude's report will show that much of what he suggested has not yet been done. Admittedly the member Libraries have played a leading role in tackling this area through Phyllis Mander-Jones's monumental "bibliography" of manuscripts in the British Isles and the work of the Joint Copying Project, but there is still much which could be done in tracking down documentary material relating to the Pacific Islands particularly in Spain, Germany, Scandinavia and Russia. Much of this foreign language material is in official archives but it is only known to a few regional specialists and ought to be made more generally available. Even in archives it is often very difficult for the foreign scholar to use or even locate this material.

In regard to documentary material relating to the Pacific Islands in Australia and New Zealand a bibliographical project instituted by UNESCO is currently being organised. No doubt this project will reveal a great deal of material for filming. This Report, however, will concentrate on material still to be filmed in the Pacific Islands.

In his 1967 report Maude classified such material into four main categories (p 34):

- (1) Territorial and local government records
- (2) Mission records
- (3) Trading and plantation material
- (4) Private Manuscripts e.g.
 - (i) scientific notes on the local flora and fauna, etc; ethnographic observations on native psychology, behaviour and customs; grammars, dictionaries and vocabularies; meteorological observations; and similar material of a direct research relevance;
 - (ii) letters, diaries and family records of expatriate residents;
 - (iii) vernacular correspondence of all kinds; genealogies and family histories; accounts of local traditions; notes on customs; in fact everything written by the islanders bearing on their history, psychology, technical processes and way of life; and
 - (iv) tape recordings of oral information and narratives of all kinds, but mainly concerned with local history, custom or technology.

In regard to (1) the situation has hardly changed since 1967 though some of the dispersed Tongan archival material in the vernacular has been located and filmed. But just as in 1967 "the French territorial records in New Caledonia, the New Hebrides and Tahiti are in an unsatisfactory condition, not properly classified and unavailable for research" (p 35). The Cook Islands Archives are in a precarious state. They are not housed in an air-conditioned building and many of the files are close to decomposition. Despite their deplorable condition these records take up an extensive footage. The archivist has salvaged a great number of files from various Government departments and the archive is a rich depository of colonial history.

The present Cook Islands archivist, who is untrained, fortunately has an extremely conscientious and responsible attitude towards his "stewardship", but has a continuing battle to retain files from the acquisitive hands of government ministers. There are no facilities for photocopying and documents have to be taken out of the building for copying. Some time ago the archivist appealed to the PMB for the entire archive to be filmed but was apparently told it was beyond the scope of the Bureau. In view of the seriousness of the situation this would seem a definite case for PMB action.

Although not a government archive the Palace Record Office in Nuku'alofa, Tonga, tends to be ignored because it has the appearance of an official depository. This office contained most of the material collected by the Tonga Traditions Committee and many of the important documents have disappeared over the last 10 years. I quote from one of my own students presently in Tonga: "Unfortunately, many items that you and others have seen are missing, including James Spillius's village survey of Tongatapu."

In regard to (2) - Mission records - greater progress has been made particularly in regard to Catholic records. This was facilitated for the PMB by the detailed preparatory work of such dedicated bibliographic scholars as Father Koch. Some Methodist and Presbyterian material has also been filmed. I myself brought two loads of London Missionary Society Samoa District records to Canberra to be filmed. Nevertheless these collections only represent material that has been centralised or housed in a few places. By far the most of the regional church and mission archives are still unfiled. Many local church documents such

as baptismal and marriage registers are still held by the churches. Many will have been lost since 1967. A Catholic priest on Atiu, in the Cook Islands, told me recently that it was not uncommon for pages to be ripped out of church registers for toilet paper, and in many instances there are gaps of many years in the registers held by local ministers.

Many of the mission records that have been filmed really belong to category (4). Most private missionary papers are to be found outside the Pacific Islands though no exhaustive survey has been made to locate papers held by missionary descendants in the Islands.

Only a few of the rare missionary periodicals have been filmed. No runs of some of these periodicals survive in official collections. The Samoan vernacular *Sulu* is not known to exist for the earliest period and the only known copies of most of the late 19th century issues are held in private hands. They are as yet unfilmed. No systematic attempt has been made to list and record other vernacular church papers although I have my own list in progress.

In regard to (3) - Trading and plantation material - apart from one or two major collections the bulk of company archives have not been filmed. Presumably Maude would have included whaling records in this category. While the filming of American whaling logs was one of the PMB's most ambitious schemes new holdings are continually being brought to light, and isolated journals occasionally surface. Much of the early island trade remains undocumented and it is unlikely that some of the papers relating to some early trading houses will ever appear. On the other hand, advertising and a perusal of the early legal material might well reveal the present whereabouts of the papers of firms and agencies which have merged with larger extant businesses.

In the field of (4) - Private manuscripts - the PMB has done exceptionally well, yet it is in this field that most students of the Pacific Islands will know of more material. In regard to the writings of expatriate traders, missionaries, administrators, free lance scientists and literary people only a fraction has been located and filmed. Most missionaries kept written records, diaries and letters yet only a sampling has been collected or filmed. The list of known "lost" manuscripts grows year by year and it is difficult to believe that none of these items will ever turn up. Detective work is called for, and attempts should be made to locate the present custodians of these items.

In regard to vernacular material (4 iii) almost nothing has been recorded except the estrays from the Tongan archives and incidental correspondence in the mission archival material. Yet there is a vast amount of genealogical and traditional material scattered throughout the islands. In just one week on Mangaia in the Cook Islands in August this year I had access to about five family books (only one was committed to my own hands) and a genealogical history of the Ariki of the island. Admittedly this was only possible because I had the friendship and co-operation of the local minister of the Cook Islands Christian Church. If I could see this material in the course of one week how much more is there? On Aitutaki the person who would have been hereditary **taunga** of the island referred me to his family book containing much **taunga** lore and traditional history. I attempted to locate this book in Auckland without success but I know it exists and am still hopeful of obtaining information from it despite the resistance of certain family members. With the co-operation of sympathetic Islanders much invaluable material could be recorded for posterity. Family books at present are easily "lost" and taken to remote places.

In regard to oral material (4 iv) the PMB has done nothing. Yet even if it is not the policy of the PMB to conduct its own interviews with key participants such as Islands leaders, missionaries, administrators and long-time residents there are tapes in the Islands which run the risk of rapid deterioration. In the Cook Islands Archives, for instance, there is a sizeable collection of tapes on traditional subjects which are not kept in the best conditions and should be recopied.

NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND REGIONAL DESIDERATA

Despite the hostility of some Islands leaders (or their advisers) to Australasian "academic imperialism" most Islands educationalists, archivists and librarians value the work of the PMB and see it as a major force in preserving their heritage. Indeed, for many of these people the attainment of nationhood has actually worsened their position regarding records. Developing nations cannot give priority to records conservation or collecting schemes. These must be subsidised from abroad or die. The few libraries and archives with air-conditioning and

photocopying facilities are in the minority and even the best advantaged ones are only too well aware of what else needs to be done.

Thus, despite the more advanced state of archival facilities in Papua New Guinea, there is a move in that country to seek external funds to establish someone in Australia to specialise in the collection of Papua New Guinea documentary material - surely something which could be handled by an ongoing PMB.

The regions hitherto most neglected in the collection of documentary material are Vanuatu and the French territories. The archives of each individual French department need to be copied. Also, there should be considerable documentary and vernacular material in private hands. Local church records for Vanuatu should be considerable given the legalistic nature of the Presbyterian Church and its proceedings.

Further work needs to be done to locate manuscript material in the collections of the better-known private collectors. This is always a sensitive area given the investment nature of some holdings but collectors should be persuaded to see the value to scholarship of the material in their trust. This search might at first be limited to Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand.

There are many reasons why we should act quickly and take the initiative in filming material in the Islands:

1. The PMB is respected and its aims and objects generally understood.
2. Much of the material is in imminent danger of decomposition. White ants, silver fish and mould are just as destructive as they were in 1967. Paper exposed to damp and humidity will not last. Ink is fading. This is even true of what is held in some official archives (as the above example of the Cook Islands Archives illustrates).
3. Prompt action should earn the gratitude of Islands educationalists, archivists and librarians concerned over the condition of material in the Islands.
4. There is always the danger that official material relating to the colonial era will be destroyed for political or propaganda reasons, just as the Archives of the Princely States in India were destroyed for political reasons or the scientific collections of Aboriginal bone remains in Australian museums have been consigned to oblivion.

Who could blame resentment at the following remarks from official files which testify to the arrogance of colonial officials: "It is always the case with Maoris, undue forbearance only makes them more arrogant and presumptuous." "Owing to their low moral status the only power they recognise is **enforced** authority. Master them first and then show them leniency, and they will respect and appreciate it. To a very great extent they are like children and should be treated as such." A clerk or minister might be induced to suppress or destroy files containing such sentiments and other important material might be lost at the same time.

THE FUTURE OF THE PMB

The PMB was originally set up as an academic initiative in association with the collecting libraries. From the point of view of Pacific historians and other scholarly users of the material it is important that the PMB continues to function as an arm of Pacific studies. Hitherto the Director of the PMB has been a Pacific historian responsible to the Professor of Pacific History in the Research School of Pacific Studies. Although left largely to his own initiative Mr Langdon has been physically present in the Research School and so constantly aware of current academic research, research workers and projects. He has been able to meet people from the Pacific visiting the Department and he has been in constant consultation with staff members and those in related disciplines. It would be surprising if this **milieu** did not benefit him in learning of material or the possibility of material.

With the withdrawal of ANU financial support and the greater involvement of the member libraries it is hoped that the PMB will not change its character as an academic initiative. If a committee is envisaged to replace the Department of Pacific and Southeast Asian History it would be fitting to have manuscript librarians representing the member libraries and Pacific historians from the various University Departments where Pacific history is taught to represent the users/researchers familiar with the sources.

The work of the PMB is of vital importance to Pacific scholars, particularly Pacific historians who know where most of the records are

or where they should be. It is only by talking with individual scholars that anyone in charge of the PMB can learn where to look and whom to contact. Also, historians should be able to assess the relative value and importance of documentary holdings. Records which appear to be of no importance to one person can be of inestimable value to another. Value judgments should not be taken by one person as in the past.

It might also be useful to somehow link in the UNESCO project at ANU regarding sources relating to the Pacific Islands in Australia and New Zealand and the National Library's project to film the archives of the South Pacific Commission. It would also be appropriate for the Research School to make rooms available in the Old Hospital Building to house the Bureau so keeping it within the University.

Whether or not COPRA plays any role in the formation of the reconstituted PMB should depend on the member libraries themselves but at present COPRA is confined to two libraries only and has an overrepresentation of librarians. It is important that librarians with no expertise in the acquisition and care of manuscripts should not take the place of qualified manuscript librarians or Pacific researchers.

BROADENING OF BRIEF OF RECONSTITUTED PMB

While the reconstituted Bureau should continue to carry out its established functions there is a good case for enlarging its sphere of activity as follows:

1. The PMB should be enabled to film records in those official depositories where conditions are bad and where it will be many years before proper conservation can be introduced.
2. A greater role should be given to field searchers as in Maude's original report (p 44). A greater liaison should be built up between the PMB and researchers going to the field. Unfortunately in the past this has not worked as well as it might have.
3. The PMB should liaise with French institutions regarding the filming of all French official material in the islands not regarded as classified.
4. The PMB should share in the filming of European material relating to the Pacific held in some of the metropolitan archives, e.g. the various official Spanish depositories.

5. . The PMB should liaise with Hawaiian libraries regarding the filming of Pacific material held in private collections.

W.N. Gunson
Canberra
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Dear Sir;

I had a little time this past summer to visit the Kendall Whaling Museum in Sharon, Mass. and work on the Whalers in the Marianas. Enclosed is a list of ships I found which were not included in the PAMBU Materials. Perhaps the information may be of interest to the readers of the Journal.

I have received permission from the Kendall Whaling Museum and a copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Fr. Thomas B. McGrath, S.J.
Fr. Thomas B. McGrath, S.J.



KENDALL WHALING MUSEUM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Homeport</u>	<u>Master</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Island</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Henry Tube	Ship	Warren	Champlin		Guam	2-22 March 1846
Dartmouth	Ship	New Bedford	Pierce		Guam	18-22 April 1849
Cabinet	Ship	Stonington	Lessen		Guam Tinian	28-31 January 1853 1-3 February "
Gentleman	Bark	Sag Harbor	Cartwright		Guam Guam	27 Feb.-10 Mar. 1854 26 Oct.-6 Nov. 1855
Dartmouth	Bark	New Bedford	North		Guam	24 Mar.-5 Apr. 1856
Coral	Bark	San Francisco	Wicks	Cook	Saipan Tinian	25 Jan 1887 26-28 Jan "
					Saipan	29 Jan-5 Feb. "
					Rota	6-7 Feb. "
					Saipan	24-26 Jan 1888
					Tinian	26-28 " "
					Rota	28-30 " "
Jesse M. Freeman	Steamer	San Francisco	Cook		Saipan	3 Feb. 1891
California	Bark	San Francisco	Montgomery		Rota	4-5 Feb. "
					Guam	24-27 Jan 1897

Enclosure 2

P.M.B. & VANUATU ARCHIVES

Clearly, there are many documents in private hands, relating to Vanuatu (New Hebrides), which are practically inaccessible to the scholar. I know of significant material held by the descendants of John G. Paton: a notebook, a diary, drafts of his autobiography and letters within the family in Melbourne. I imagine that every scholar would have similar knowledge of equivalent documents.

There are also official archival records which are, by and large, beyond the scholar's reach. For instance, the archives of the New Hebrides British Service are in a file store at Hayes in Middlesex which the Foreign and Commonwealth Office rents from the Public Record Office. These are classified as 'territorial records' (i.e. records belonging to former British territories) which will be handed over to the Vanuatu Government "in due course" -- presumably when adequate storage facilities are available in Vila. In the meantime -- which is likely to be a long time! -- it is possible for researchers to have files brought up from Hayes to Cornwall House, London, so long as the prior consent of the Vanuatu Government has been obtained. Apart from possible problems attached to obtaining such consent, there is the additional problem of knowing precisely which files to ask for. Hayes is a restricted area, so browsing is out of the question.

I imagine that there are ni-Vanuatu who feel as frustrated as I do in not having ready access to the NHBS records, who would consider favourably a proposal that they be copied by P.M.B. This would ensure that copies are available in Vila possibly many years ahead of what would otherwise be the case. It would also be an insurance against any mishaps occurring while the records are in transit. From a researcher's point of view, it would make the records much more accessible, and also ensure that individual documents/files are not removed or otherwise tampered with. I suppose it would be possible for the Vanuatu Government to maintain control over access if it deemed this necessary.

Besides the N.H.B.S. records, there are similar 'territorial records' relating to ex-British possessions currently held "in trust" in Britain. My understanding is that, given that they are not considered to be British records as such, A.J.C.P. will not consider copying them.

French archives relating to the New Hebrides could also be copied to the advantage of ni-Vanuatu and researchers alike. A recent thesis by J. Bonnemaïson has used:

Archives de la Commission Naval Mixte 1887-1906

Archives de la Mission Catholique, Port Vila

Archives de l'ex-Délégation Française des Iles du Sud à Tanna
(1940-1980)

Archives de la S.I.N.H. Paris.

And the list goes on.

Ron Adams

27 September 1985

Enclosure 3

Material in Australian Church Repositories Not Copied

- Manuscripts and Correspondence relating to Melanesia, Archives of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.
- Manuscripts and Correspondence relating to Oceania, held by the Marist Fathers, Hunter's Hill, NSW.
- Manuscripts and Correspondence of the bishops and other Roman Catholic church dignitaries in Papua New Guinea, held by the De La Salle Training College, Castle Hill, NSW.
- Manuscripts relating to the Divine Word Missionaries, held at their Provincial House, Epping, NSW, including a manuscript history of the Mission and a report made on the New Guinea Mission in 1923.
- Records of the Sisters of Mercy in Papua New Guinea, either held at the Convent of Mercy, Ryde, NSW or in Papua New Guinea.
- Manuscripts and Correspondence of the bishops and others in Papua New Guinea held by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Kensington, Sydney.
- Material relating to the Sisters of Mercy in Papua New Guinea held at their house in North Parramatta, NSW.
- Material relating to Perthville New Guinea Mission, Suain held by Sisters of St. Joseph, Perthville, NSW.
- Australian Board of Missions and other Mission material held in the Anglican Archives for the Diocese of Brisbane.
- Manuscripts and other records of the Torres Strait Islands held by the Bishop of Carpentaria on Thursday Island.
- Missionary material relating to Papua New Guinea held by the Sisters of Mercy at Ashgrove, Queensland and at Rockhampton, Queensland and Earlville (Cairns), Queensland.
- Manuscripts and Correspondence relating to the Roman Catholic bishops in Melanesia held by the Toowoomba Diocesan Archives.
- Material relating to the Lutheran Missions in Papua New Guinea held by the Lutheran Church of Australia at their Archives and Research Centre, North Adelaide.
- Material relating to the Overseas Missions of the Churches of Christ in South Australia held at their office in Adelaide.

Missionary material relating to the Torres Strait and Melanesia held by the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston.

Material relating to New Guinea Missions held by the Presentation Sisters (Tasmanian Congregation) at their Convent at Blackman's Bay, Tasmania.

Roman Catholic Overseas Missionary material held by the Melbourne Diocesan Commission at Fitzroy, Victoria.

Note: The above list only refers to material on the Pacific stated to be held by the churches concerned. It does not include material held by all the sects and religions operating in the Pacific, or unlisted material in the main ecclesiastical depositories. As yet there has been no systematic survey of Pacific missionary material held by the 158 church depositories listed in Leo J. Ansell's **Register of Church Archives [A Select Guide to Resource Material in Australia]**, 2nd edition, Toowoomba 1985.

Unit 42, 'Miringani',
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Australia,
29 September, 1985.

Dear Lester,

I see that I have never replied to your last letter. My apologies: it must have got mislaid through arriving just as we were in the throes of moving to our new, and I expect final, home. Some of the correspondence that arrived at that time is still missing but your letter got put into your personal file, Vol.II. Nearly all my correspondence on the islands, from 1927 to the 80s, has gone to the archives of the University of Adelaide for the use of researchers on the islands and anyone who may want to write my biography.

It must have been a great joy to get copies of the Fenner Gatty papers on Rougier and Christmas. Harold showed them to me once when I was working in his library on U.S. claims to those 22 Central Pacific Islands but I paid no particular attention to them at the time. Then, after his death, Fenner asked who I thought should write them up. I suggested several ghost writers but Fenner said that only Michener was good enough for such a story. So we left it at that, for she was not the sort of lady one argued with.

So now they are with Len Usher, an old friend of mine and a most estimable historian; I have all his publications, including some fine studies on the history of masonry in Fiji. We met again recently at the Pacific Historians Conference during June and July, where I gave an address 'On Writing Island History' castigating those present for researching and writing practically nothing but European contact history, which is only one aspect of the subject, instead of getting down to the real nitty-gritty: the history of the Pacific islanders themselves, who were living in the islands long before the first European arrived on the scene and continue to live there despite the stream of transient visitors. Rather as if English historians wrote almost entirely on the contacts of the Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Normans and the rest who came to bless or plague us.

Fortunately perhaps over half the audience were islanders so it went down well and it was generally agreed that the future of Pacific history lay in their hands and that we would leave any European Pacific historians still interested (for they are a dying race) to finish off their pet speciality. It was the best Conference we have had to date and I was immensely heartened

by the number of islanders from the central and eastern Pacific, including some outstanding historians such as Sione Latukefu (our new President), Malama Meleisea (who chaired my talk), Kambati Uriam and W. Tagupa, Asesela Ravuvu, and Brij Lal.

We are comfortable and cosy in our new flat and wonder why we didn't come here in our 60s instead of waiting till we were 80; so much time and energy wasted in working our guts out keeping a house and large garden going for no purpose.

Here we share an even larger garden of $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres but have plenty of gardeners to share the work. My study too is nice and compact with my electronic word-processor and photocopier to hand for the book I am working on: an ethnohistory of the Gilbertese people from the time they formed part of the proto-Austronesian host in S.E. Asia to the time they encountered the first European; and with that I am combining an exercise in synchronic historical anthropology by outlining their culture immediately prior to the contact period.

We leave for South Australia the day after tomorrow, where we have a favourite hideaway in a vineyard at Clarendon.

With best wishes,

Yours,

Harry M. Anale

10 Feb 1955

Dear Harry

your letters of 21 and 29 December received. With the several light snows we've had - each requiring use of our monster snow blower to clear the driveway and walks - and the cold weather I've become terribly lazy about tending to my overdue correspondence.

As I read the enclosed letter from Fr. Cook (apparently now chief archivist of the Navits) I exclaimed aloud to Mildred "I can't believe what I'm reading!!" The lost Gatty papers which both you and E.A. Gibson in Wellington mentioned to me perhaps 14 years ago have come to light. Bread cast upon the waters. Cook wrote me last Sept that he would address the Fiji Historical Society in November, subject Rougier, and would I fill in a few missing details. I did. The address had the largest number of attendees in years. The seed is in the letter. I am waiting patiently. Cook has turned up a good deal of previously unknown material on Rougier.

Also from France I have now received a picture, 1916, of Stanislas and Emmanuel Rougier.

I have been working on Fr. Cook when he will be in Europe later this year to attempt to interview Berthe Perrey and Alice Calamy. He may succeed tho they are now in their mid 80's. The bait is a diary of Emmanuel's and letters of his. As an historian (?) I hate to see that material disappear. As an example, our friend Harry Chrisman who has published some 8 books now on settling

of the west and the cattle ranching business there 100 years ago (Partially financed) picked up an interesting diary at an estate auction. A group of New Yorkers set out in the Klondike gold rush and 3 years later, the 3 survivors were rescued on the coast of southeastern Alaska by the Coast Guard. One of them kept the diary in lead pencil. Harry has been too ill recovering from a heart attack to do anything with it, so far.

The rumors about the AUVUS alliance and nuclear ships is very discouraging.

Found Vols 2 & 3 "The History of the East and Inland Discovery" published in London in 1831 in a book shop in Providence, Rhode Island for \$18. World Lib's Vol 1 but 2/3 of a leaf is better than none. Now reading Hough's "The Hunting of Force Z" how the ships sank Republic & P. of W.

We didn't vote for Reagan, we don't think he really knows what is going on and being an actor, he plays the part. Gives a big self-congratulatory State of the Union speech and ignores the deficit. Perhaps "even this shall pass away." He won't raise taxes on the top, he will just remove our deductions on the bottom and accomplish the same purpose.

Am sitting as the engineer member of a 3^{man} panel of arbitrators in a suit by a construction contractor against the City of New Bedford. Our decision is binding, it is very interesting and I receive \$300 per day in remuneration.

Glad to hear Honor's back is so much better

hoster

SENIOR MEN'S CLUB!!!!!!

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH AT 9:30 AM AT THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH HALL. THE ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE MR. LESTER GAYNOR PRESENTING AN ILLUSTRATED TALK ON "WANDERING THRU THE SOUTH PACIFIC".

WSCA!!!!!!

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTWOOD SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOC. MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2 AT 7:00 PM. AT SHEEHAN SCHOOL. THE ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE BEANO!

TAX COUNSELING!!!!!!

WE WILL AGAIN BE OFFERING THE TAX COUNSELING SERVICE HERE AT THE OFFICE STARTING TOWARDS THE END OF JANUARY. CALL THE OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS, 329-8799.

HEARING CLINIC!!!!!!

THIS CLINIC HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR OVER A YEAR NOW AND HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. YOU CAN MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AND COME DOWN FOR A PROFESSIONAL SCREENING TEST TO DETERMINE YOUR CURRENT HEARING LEVEL. IT IS OFFERED EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM. THE APPTS. ARE SCHEDULED EVERY HALF-HOUR.

Suva, 11.1.1985.

Dear Lester,

Thank you very much for your letter of 21.12, landing on my desk rather late - on 9.1.1985. My best wishes to you and your family for the rest of this new year!

First an answer to your suggestions concerning my travel plans. A visit to you and your wife, and a long talk on Rougier, is definitely on my agenda but it surely won't happen before the far end of July, nor probably in the first half of August. I have to be in Suva at the end of June to attend a Pacific historians' conference, organised by Rene Crocombe. I am a member of the preparatory committee. As soon as that's finished I am off, direction U.S.A. with several stops between Suva and San Francisco. Then Washington, Boston, London. In Boston I'll stay in Isabella Street and from there it will be easy enough for me to get to Westwood. So, no worries about me arriving at the time of your holidays on the West coast. May they be happy ones. Reunions usually are!

Now back to Rougier. My few weeks in New Zealand and Australia were fully occupied by archives and university visits, but like a police dog I kept sniffing around for a Rougier scent. One result is the enclosed paper on Felix Rougier, which might add to the general background. The author told me that he had used some literature published by Felix's religious order. One in Rome I should be in a better position to get their latest findings in historical research on Felix and his family background.

A visit to the Marist Brothers' archives remained fruitless. I wanted to see what they would have on Naililili. Rougier's name does not appear in their files, and the archivist advised me to have a look in their Roman archives. Which I was planning to do anyhow. The Jesuits have their archives in Melbourne. No money to fly to that place, so I will have to write whether they can tell me if Smyth (Fr. Nicolas's spy and Rougier's antagonist at Naililili) was indeed an ex-Jesuit.

Shortly after my return to Suva on 30 December, I got a phone call from the adjunct-archivist of the Fiji National Archives, a nice young lady, who since my talk on Rougier to the Fiji Society has given me every possible (archivist's) favour. She had received a collection of notes on Rougier from Len Usher, a well-known Suva figure and former editor of the Fiji Times. Usher had years ago received those notes from a friend of his, Mrs F. Gatty, widow of Harold Gatty, the original collector of the notes. Mrs Gatty has been previously married to certain Mr Scott, employer of Berkeley, Rougier's friend. Being present at my talk, Usher got the idea of digging up the old notes, and I got them from my lady-friend to copy what I want before she is going to register them officially into the National Archives. Illegal? Maybe yes, maybe no, but it saves me time. Harold Gatty collected the notes in the 1940's, early 1950's, once he had become interested in Rougier via the first Christmas Island stamps. Many papers in this collection are copies in H. Gatty's handwriting from original documents. Couldn't trace where he had found them. Many papers are originals (correspondence Scott/Lever's concerning Fanning and Washington, 1902-1907; a report by Rougier on Fanning and Wash, from 1911). There are old photocopies from newspaper cuttings on Rougier's island affairs; a very neat copy of Rougier's 'Ile Christmas, Brioude 1914; a copy of Amiral Decoux's 'Sillages dans les Mers du Sud', Paris 1953, (p.148-156: 'Le Rev Pere Rougier, Missionnaire Mariste, puis Busenissman'); postcards from Christmas and Fanning; a picture of Chateau Les Iles in winter time; a picture of Stanislas' four children in young age, of his schooner 'Foch' (I suppose) and of Taaone (I suppose); also a few negatives which I'll try to have developed in the Fiji Museum. All those pictures and negatives may well have been picked up by Harold Gatty among Scott/Berkeley papers, or (which I would be inclined to believe) he got them from

Katarina Biaukula, whom he most probably met and photographed in the early 1950's. (One of his snapshots included).

Now my question: did you ever see this collection of notes during one of your trips to Suva? To help you I include photocopies of two documents from this collection, both ~~in~~ in Gatty's hand, one is his own chronology, the other a copy of a Gorton letter 1937.

If you would like to have photocopies of all material in this collection (with the risk of receiving some rather useless information), feel free to ask.

In the coming week (once our copy machine has returned from the provincial chapter sessions, to which I have to go within half an hour) I'll copy my notes from the Fiji Times on the Rougier affairs in Koronivia, and put them in the mail. Any other things I owe you, or promised you or you would like to have?

Around the end of February I plan to go to Noumea to finish the microfilming of the archives, if the political situation on Caledonia allows to. Will be there for three or four weeks. After that, prepare my definite departure from Suva.

Thanks for the copy of Mr le Comte's letter. It reminds me that I should hurry to answer the one he wrote me last year....

All the best for now and once again 'thank you' for that Christmas parcel.

and your Christmas card,
Rou

Thanks for reading my papers, and for your notes. I keep adding and correcting!

John C. Orr,
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N. S. W.

October 30th, '85

Dear Professor,

I was most delighted to receive your letter of Sept. 29th, & to learn that you & Mrs. Maude are well settled-in at Mirinjari - also to be given interesting "Pacific news"; & I was greatly cheered by your encouragement.

I have had to go back into "gainful employment" to pay off my debts. A real "Dear Bill," as they used to say in the 2nd A. I. F. I was an extremely rash fellow to give my sister & her husband a break.

Still, I'm pretty tough, & used to factory work. I just try not to think about some things. I am happy to be able to buy myself stout again. I make the effort to do some proper work each night - but it does not come out fresh.

I'm quite tired now, but I wanted to write to you - now that the mail sorters in this State have been soothed; & you are back from South Australia - which holiday, I hope you & Mrs. Maude found very good.

After I pay off my debts

(if it wasn't for friends helping me, I would have gone under.) I want to buy an electronic typewriter: so that I can have multiple copies made of the 'Central Pacific Chronicles' - a you & Paddy & other people & institutions (throughout the English speaking world indeed.) can at last see what you have helped to be. Particularly you.

As for a publisher, I don't really know yet. I can truly say I am just please to have got to a finish. I doubted, many times, that I ever would. The size & complexity of the project threatened to overwhelm me.

Robert Brown, the Bathurst-based publisher, is yet to make up his mind - after nearly a year - about accepting the first (the discoveries & re-discoveries of the Line Islands) book in the series, Orphans of the Great Sea.

That's disappointing; & a pity. Because the story is an intriguing pattern - & it is a missing piece of Pacific history. Not of major importance, to be sure; but belonging, yes.

The U.S. book in the series - Old Glory Over Coral Specks - will need to wait until, God willing, I can go over to New York

City. Letters have been no good - on the trail of Alfred G. Benson; as his personality & activities virtually determined the conduct of the American guano trade, information on him is essential. I see him as a John Macarthur style of empire-builder: vigorous, capable, devious - & perhaps a bit crazy.

The other books, Professor, they are ready to 'go.' Yes, I have to rig them better - for they are 'first time' history, & to do my best with the language that Kipling used, & R. L. Stevenson & Mark Twain.

I am so looking forward to presenting 'Sarah Anne' Island to you, John J. Arundel as a youth through to his old age, missing 'Victoria' Island, the everything turning out wrong for B. B. Nicholson with Meldor, a 'revised' version of the Daphne-Rosario case, the McCullough family, how A. F. Ellis really went to Ocean Island in 1900 - & more: good reading, I will trust. It is my offering.

Professor, I'd better close now & retire. My good wishes - & my confidence - are with your ethno-history work on the Gilberts. My warm regards to Mrs. Maude. Always, John C. Orr

Unit 42, 'Miringjani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, ACT 2611,
29 September, 1985.

Dear John,

I have been sorting through my correspondence and have come across a letter from you dated way back in May. We are by now well settled in the Miringjani Retirement Village and find it very peaceful and cosy after wasting too many years struggling to keep a house and large garden going - for no particular purpose. Your letter must have got mislaid when we were in the throes of moving.

At the end of June and during the first week of July we were able to attend the Pacific History Conference in Suva at the University of the South Pacific, where I met colleagues from all over the world.

I gave an address 'On Writing Island History' warning the historians that they were concentrating almost entirely on European contact history, which was only one aspect of Pacific history, and urged the islanders present to tackle the main job, which is to research and write the history of the island peoples themselves.

We were glad to hear that you had finished the writing of your great series of studies on the Central Pacific Equatorial Islands and the guano industry, and hope very much that somehow you will find a way to get them published.

I suppose that I know as much about Pacific book publishing as anyone in the world, having helped to get over 35 books published over the last 40 years, and as a result I have come to realise that writers must essentially study their market carefully or they have no more hope of achieving publication than an iceberg has of reaching Malden.

After all publishers must sell their books, like producers in any other industry. And today only one manuscript in 300 reaches publication, for the market is over-supplied and publishers have perforce to be very choosy.

I was sorry to hear that you are going through hard times again owing to an unpaid loan. I can readily sympathise with your trouble for I should myself be destitute had I given in to the pleas of relations who felt that they could use my money to better advantage than I could.

We wish you good luck and a happy ending to present troubles. I predict that you will win out in the end for I have seldom met anyone with greater industry and persistence,

coupled with a feel for the island world and a flair for research. And the atolls you write about are essentially romantic and interesting to the average island enthusiast. All that is now needed is to polish and rewrite until your studies conform to the standards of your market.

Everyone has to do this: only the other day I was telling a successful novelist how everything I published had to be rewritten at least seven times; and she said that I was lucky for her best-selling novel only achieved publication after she had rewritten it from end to end ten times.

We leave for South Australia on Tuesday, to live in a favourite hideaway at Clarendon in a vineyard, where I hope to work at my ethnohistory of the Gilbertese people which I am writing for them and not for Europeans. The two have very different historical interests and while I am writing I always visualise who I am writing for as well the scenes I am writing about. But we must be back sometime in October for we cannot stay long away from references; also Honor wants to get moving on her monograph on the string figures of Pukapuka in the Northern Cooks.

With best wishes,

Yours,

Harry Byrnie

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May 13th, '85

Dear Professor,

I write with my love & respect to you & Mrs. Maude. I trust that if this reaches you at Weston, that you are well settled-in & comfortable; &, naturally, it is conducive to your study & writing. I am sure you will make one of the great Pacific books from your pre-European Gilberts material. Paddy Macdonald, when I saw him in Sydney two months ago, said that you were still at Forrest.

Well, Professor, you've been deservedly honored much during the years. May I add to this modestly? In any event, it is right that I tell you first.

Last week I finished the draft of my series of books on the Pacific guano trade (with the main interest being Malden Id.) I am now sorting out my papers & references - for the checking & revision. If I wished to count them, the greatest number of references would be from you - easily.

I'm feeling frankly exhausted, & rather emptied out. I gave

it, as the saying is, 'all I've got.' I'm pleased to think that the books are good, having 'forgotten' history gathered & arranged for the first time; & god willing, a level of timelessness may be throughout.

You may remember that I told you that Pacific Publications were considering the first book in the series, Orphans of the Great Sea. Still no answer yet, after 10 months. ('The Pacific Way' taken to a bit of an extreme, you might agree.)

I think I will go in & ask them, in the next few days, as to the decision. I have to feel that with the time-lapse, it doesn't seem so bright for 'yea.' Like any & every business outfit, they have to hold profitability as the criteria for a venture. I guess the 'Line Islands' are not only geographically remote, but could be seen to be, public interest in respect of.

A pity if that's the case. But I've been in the game long enough to be well & truly seasoned in it.

Anyway, Professor, that's enough of those sort of remarks from me. I tend to be cynical where the Book Trade is concerned. The writing of books is far better

to think about, because there's love & dedication, & labor beyond any reasonable limit, in a good book, & profit hasn't the slightest bit to do with any of it.

If it does not appear likely that the series of books shall be published, I will have photocopies made of the final drafts, & lodged, a copy each - at the A. N. U., the La Trobe & Mitchell Libraries; & perhaps a copy in Auckland, the Fiji Museum, & the B. P. Bishop; definitely a copy for the Archives in Tarawa.

I naturally hope I shan't have to do that - that the lodging will be of printed copies (& well-set-up too!) instead.

But if not - then I'll do that: in the spirit of Abraham McCullough whom I came to know very well, it would be 'seeing the job through.'

I hope, Professor, that you might be looking forward to the reading of these books, to which you have contributed so much - in quantity, & in wonderful generosity.

I will close now, & how I began this letter to you, with my love & respect to you & Mrs. Maude.

Yours,
John C. Orr

Unit 42, 'Miringani',
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27 September, 1985.

Dear Dr Gibbons,

Thank you for kindly sending me a copy of your biographical sketch of the Andersens.

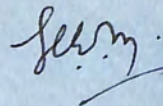
I have read it with interest and gained a new appreciation of the old man, for I had little idea before how extensive were his multifarious interests. Nor did I realize his difficulties in bringing out the JPS during the 30s; if I had known I could have sent him more material, and so could D.G. Kennedy, who complained to me often that he had insufficient outlets for his research work on Tuvalu.

I remember Johannes insisting that I must be related to the well-known Nurse Maude of Christchurch; and I have since learnt that I am, though we are rather distant connexions.

Now that you have made such a fine beginning I hope that the time will come when the pressure on your time eases sufficiently to enable you to tackle the full-length biography.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,





University of Waikato

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AUSTRALIA

Dear Professor Maude,

A couple of months ago you were kind enough to send me your memorias of Johannes Andersen, and some general observations of the anthropological scene during his era of activity. I have just published a small booklet on the Andersens: its purpose, explained in prefatory remarks, is to bring him to mind for those who once had contact with him, and I hope to receive further information from such people. It may be of slight interest to you as a memoir — it has little about 'ethnology' and the Polynesian Society — but I thought you might like to have a copy. The bigger project is clearly some considerable distance away.

Yours sincerely

P.J. Gibbons

You will notice I have, for some distracted reason, used an 'ethnographic' rather than an 'ethnological' in the text: I must have been subconsciously worrying about the socio-biologists at the time!



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1 March 1985

Professor H. E. Maude,
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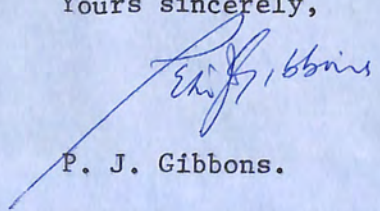
Dear Professor Maude,

Many thanks for your letter of 17 February 1985: you have written it so carefully that you have answered practically all the major queries I would have posed for you, especially in your characterisation of the relationship between generations.

I'm not sure which retirement home Johannes Andersen would have been on his way to in Auckland when you last saw him: he had four addresses there from 1946 onwards; but he was very hardy and could still put pen to paper, in spite of muscular troubles, as late as April 1960: he died in June 1962, in his ninetieth year. You mention the bird call imitations (which outside Polynesian society and literary circles were what he was most renowned for): by great good luck he was prevailed upon in 1935 to put some on a "disc" and the whistlings and a little spoken commentary, only a dozen minutes in all, can still be heard.

Once again, many thanks,

Yours sincerely,


P. J. Gibbons.

77 Arthur Circle, Forrest,
A.C.T.2603, Australia,
17th February, 1985.

Dr P.J. Gibbons,
Department of History,
University of Waikato,
Private Bag, HAMILTON,
New Zealand.

Dear Dr Gibbons,

To be sure we saw a bit of Johannes Andersen in the 1930s but our conversation was almost entirely on string figures and the publication of our memoir on Gilbertese string figures. We regarded him as rather eccentric but still a great man who had to be humoured, and we submitted to his inserting footnotes to our text to prove his points: e.g. the unnumbered footnote on p.5 to indicate the superiority of his system of nomenclature and footnote 37 on p.28 to show that his beloved Maoris did things better. We got along well with him and appreciated his kindness in helping us neophytes, particularly in publishing our papers on Adoption and Banaban Social Organization.

Andersen's correspondence with us and also with Arthur Grimble is among our papers in the Adelaide University archives but there is nothing that would not be readily available in Wellington. The last time we saw him was in Auckland when he was on his way to his retirement home and we discussed mostly bird calls, which he could imitate to perfection. He must have died soon afterwards for we heard nothing from him despite his promise to write.

Skinner in Dunedin, Andersen in Wellington, F.W. Christian in Palmerston North and Gilbert Archey in Auckland were our heroes in New Zealand; but we met hardly anyone else apart from our own family so knew nothing about them except what they told us themselves, and that was little enough for we talked mainly about the islands and they about their work and interests.

Our relations were all rather formal because of the great disparity in our ages and the fact that we revered them as demigods on a plane with Elsdon Best and Percy Smith. The modern trend towards automatically denigrating the work of ones predecessors had not, I think, dawned half a century ago, when there was so much to be done and so few to do it.

I'm sorry that I can tell you so little but it was the Honolulu researchers whom we got to know best, even before our first visit to Hawaii in 1935: Peter Buck, Kenneth Emory, Katharine Luomala, Eddie Bryan, Margaret Titcomb and the rest at UH and the Bishop Museum were more actively engaged in island

studies and therefore understood our 'shop prattle' better than anyone in New Zealand at the time. As you possibly know we were, and still are, 'island monomaniacs' with little small talk for social occasions.

With best wishes for the success of your project,

Yours sincerely,

Harry Myrde



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PRIVATE BAG HAMILTON NEW ZEALAND TELEPHONE 62-889

29 January 1985

Professor H. E. Maude,
77 Arthur Circle,
Forrest, ACT, 2603,
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Dear Professor Maude,

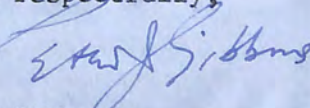
I am doing some research into the life of a man now largely forgotten but probably at least vaguely remembered by you - Johannes Andersen, one-time editor of the Polynesian Society Journal. I gather from various letters and papers that not only did you have correspondence with Andersen over the years but that you and your wife called on him at the Alexander Turnbull Library on a number of occasions during the 1930s.

In writing a letter like this, a request for assistance by way of reminiscence, I am not sure whether to give a list of questions which you might or might not be able (or inclined) to answer and run the risk of excluding insights and sidelines unanticipated by me: or whether to leave the matter entirely open, which throws the whole weight of reply on to you. Or possibly, if you were willing to write, both approaches could be combined.

My interest in Andersen is not confined to his Journal editorship but ranges through his multifarious activities and personal eccentricities, vanities and so forth. Nor am I above concerning myself with 'hearsay' evidence: I think not everyone thought as well of Andersen as he did of himself and you may recall comments by other people on Andersen's orthographic and monotheistic hobby-horses. Any recollections of Andersen 'at home' in 'his' library would also be grist to the mill.

But all this is to presume a great deal: I would be very grateful if you could be of assistance and look forward to your reply. I should add that the whole project has a very open-ended schedule and there is no urgency in replying.

Yours respectfully,


P. J. Gibbons,
Senior Lecturer in History.

Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, ACT 2611,
Australia,
19 September, 1985.

Dear Andrew,

I am most grateful to you for letting me have a copy of your excellent monograph on 'Social Relations in Ancient Tongareva'. I found it very interesting indeed, not least owing to the striking similarity between the social organisation of the Tongarevans and that of the Gilbertese. I have not come across such resemblances elsewhere, particularly in such aspects as land tenure, adoption, kinship, and even settlement patterns and rules of warfare. The islanders living to the immediate north and south of the Gilberts - the Marshallese, Tuvaluans, and Tokelau - are in comparison very different.

For at least 40 years I have been arguing that comparative surveys must be preceded by adequate ethnographies if they are to be more than ephemeral intellectual exercises and am delighted that you are building the foundations before constructing your house. Your criticisms of Sahlins and Goldman seem thoroughly deserved.

My own senescence is being spent on trying to record the ethnohistory of the I-Kiribati by the two methods mentioned in your Introduction, i.e. a diachronic study of their history up to the time of European contact and a synchronic study of their culture immediately before contact, both in the main derived from oral traditions which are fortunately more extensive than apparently survive for Tongareva.

With best wishes for the success of your publishing business as well as your researches,

Yours,

Harry Maudslayi



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15 July 1985

Dear Mr Maude,

Thank you for your very helpful letter on "Pacific classics". My publishing project is still at the research stage, but I have hopes that it will eventually reach fruition.

In the meantime, here is a copy of my M.Phil. thesis, which has finally been published by the Bishop Museum. Having spent several years writing it, I now feel that I am just beginning to understand what Tongarevan society is about. Perhaps in another twenty years I will be able to write a good book on the subject, but until then this one may provide others with some useful background. I hope you find it interesting.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Campbell.

Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
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Australia,
15 September, 1985.

Mr Raeburn T. Lange,
Lecturer in Church History,
The Pacific Theological College,
P.O. Box 388, SUVA, Fiji.

Dear Mr Lange,

Thank you for your kind remarks on my paper. It was on a subject that I feel about rather strongly but I had feared that I might be lynched by the younger European historians for my temerity in criticising their fixation on contact history. But fortunately they went to one of the alternative addresses being given at the same time and colleagues like Oskar Spate and Greg Denning were unexpectedly complimentary.

I'm afraid that the only copy of my paper is the one which I typed out to deliver at the meeting. It was full of pencilled deletions of sentences and paragraphs which I had to make to cut it down to the stipulated 40 minute maximum time for delivery, but I have rubbed these out as well as I can except for a few passages which, on subsequent thought, I did not entirely agree with for one reason or another.

So I am sending what I would have said, had there been time, rather than what I actually did say; it may be a bit of a mess, but I hope that it is sufficiently intelligible to be of use.

I only wish that I could infect the islanders with a love of their own history and a desire to record it. When I first came to Fiji from the Gilberts in the 30s they were teaching the Fijians Roman and Greek history but no Fijian; alleging that, like other Pacific Islanders, they had none.

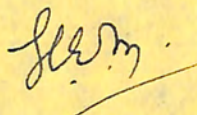
This time I came with funds available for photocopying the collections of oral tradition available in manuscript or typescript in Canberra, Auckland and elsewhere so that they could establish a central depository in Suva, but there was insufficient interest.

However I am copying the hundreds of Gilbertese traditions in my study so that copies can be deposited in the archives at Tarawa for the use of future scholars; and right now Reid Cowell is translating the Simmons Collection, made in Goward's time on Beru, with a view to our publishing it in book form for the islanders.

You suggest that I may be publishing this paper in an amended form, but I doubt whether any periodical would take it. It is really a supplement to David Routledge's excellent paper, now published in Pacific Studies, and was aimed to show doubters that the sort of history he advocates can be done and is being done.

With best wishes, and hoping to meet you on my next visit to Fiji,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'J.R.M.', with a horizontal line underneath.



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29th July, 1985

Professor H.E. Maude
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Dear Professor Maude,

I regret that I did not have the privilege of meeting you personally at the recent History Conference here in Suva. But I was present at the session when you presented your paper on 'The Writing of Island History', and was greatly impressed by your demonstration of how such writing could successfully be done. Several of our Kiribati students were present also, and it was initially their suggestion that I enquire from you whether a copy of the paper could be made available. If you were able and willing to send me a copy I would place it in our Library, where it would be appreciatively read by the Kiribati students and also be a valuable addition to our historical holdings. No doubt you will eventually be publishing the paper in some form, but in the meantime we would be very grateful for a copy of the paper as you presented it.

With greetings and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Raeburn T. Lange
Lecturer in Church History.

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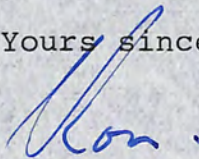
Prof. H.E. Maude,
Unit 42,
'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston ACT 2611,
AUSTRALIA

Dear Harry,

We just got back from Japan and China and Marjie was absolutely thrilled to receive the magnificent Cook Islands ceremonial axe which you had so generously sent her. But no sooner did we arrive than she had to take off for the International Conference of University Extension Directors and she asked me to write to you immediately on her behalf to thank you very warmly indeed. You have no idea how moved she was to receive this, as there are almost none of this quality in the Cook Islands today.

With warmest personal regards to you both.

Yours sincerely,



R.G. Crocombe
Professor of Pacific Studies

Dear Margorie,

We are gradually divesting ourselves of our material possessions so that we can stand before St Peter in nothing but a clean pair of pants.

While sorting we came across that Morganian adze which Dr Skinner gave us in the Otago Museum at Dunedin in 1932, in return for some bio-a-lum from Kiribati.

We realised that you seemed to like it when you were here so Hans packed it (I hope adequately) and I posted it in the hope that you can find some use for it, if only to give Ben an occasional tap on the head when he gets over the odds.

And then my tax minister says to say that if our returns were not in quick time we were to be fined 20% of the bleed merely they ring out of us each year.

So I had to set to work and you must have got the item without the explanation. Sorry about that but here it is and better late than never.

That was a splendid conference of budding historians and I much enjoyed it, though owing to my hearing aid not functioning when the acoustics are bad or there is any background noise I never heard a word of what was being said.

And the acoustics in 5008 and 009 are terrible, but it was nice meeting the prestigious participants: many for the first time, and all for the last.

Now Ben reckons that capital grants to the V.S.P. for specific non-Fijian projects are n.b.g. we should like to finance a Gallatin Annual, where local writers could publish their literary and factual effusions, plays,

and articles on local affairs, historical and other studies.

But for the life of me I can't think how it can be organized. The Kiribati Government cannot do it; Remite is I fear too busy, Dick Oving lacks the local press base and I am too far away.

If you have a brainwave some day let me know. It seems a pity that good money should be thrown away when there is, as you know, so much literary ability languishing for lack of an outlet. We just thought of a possible title for the periodical: 'Kabotaka ni Kiribati'?

How are bubbles in at my age,
with love from us both,

Dept. of Architecture
University of Queensland
St. Lucia Q 4067
8.7.85

Dear Professor Maude,

After some revisions to my thesis in the light of your comments, and those of the other examiners, the dissertation was accepted early this year.

I would like to thank you for your appraisal, and also for the great help and useful commentary you have given me over the years of its production.

Just recently I took up an appointment at the university here and am quite keen to rework sections of the thesis with a view to publication. I wonder if you could make some recommendations as to journals which you know of that could be interested in my material on the Gilberts. Just their names would be sufficient - I can make contact then and get details of their requirements.

I hope things are well with you, and my best wishes as always to you and your wife,

John Holdings

Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, ACT 2611,
12 September, 1985.

Dear Dr Hoskings,

Sorry not to have replied to your letter before but it synchronised with an outbreak of flu in this part of the world and both my wife and I succumbed; and with relapses it took us some time to recover. We were fortunate in that several of our age group died, while we pulled through.

Congratulations on surmounting all the doctoral hazards and finally obtaining what is known here as the 'meal ticket'. Not that you personally would need one for I heard that you were in the big money helping to embellish Brisbane with skyscrapers. But I'm glad that you evidently prefer the world of scholarship, with its far greater though less material rewards.

The Journals which I think would be most interested in publishing articles produced from your thesis are:-

- (1) The Journal of the Polynesian Society,
- (2) Pacific Studies,
- (3) Micronesica (published by the University of Guam),
- (4) The Journal of Pacific History (provided there is an historical slant),
- (5) The Journal de la Société des Océanistes (either in English or French),
- (6) Anthropos (English is acceptable),
- (7) Oceania.

I expect that copies of these are in the University Library.

I had, however, hoped that the thesis, with any amendments necessary to convert it into a book, would be published substantially as it is, for it is not only an invaluable work of reference for those interested in Gilbertese studies but more importantly it is the first comprehensive architectural study researched and written about any Pacific Islands peoples that I am aware of. And as you know I have spent over 50 years amassing a Pacific Islands Library which now contains over 10,000 items.

As such it has to be in every University and large Public Library in the U.S., Europe, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, in all the specialist libraries on the Pacific whether in the Museums, institutions or private hands, and in all libraries with any sizeable section on architectural studies.

During my half-century of work on Pacific studies I have been instrumental in assisting in the publication of at least 35 books on the islands, and few of them had the sales potential of your study, suitably adapted, maybe curtailed in parts, and with a few enlivening illustrations (some I hope by yourself). It is not often, I can promise you, that one comes upon a pioneering work which breaks new ground in our discipline.

I should have thought that the University of Queensland Press, now (with the demise of the ANU Press) the leading Australian publisher in our field, would welcome the chance of publishing a definitive breakthrough of this nature; but if not how about writing to:-

Dr Robert C. Kiste,
Director, Pacific Islands Studies Program,
University of Hawaii at Manoa,
1890 East-West Road, Moore Hall 215,
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822;

with a view to its possible publication in his Pacific Islands Monograph Series? You will find, I hope, Francis Hezel's The First Taint of Civilization in this Series in your University Library.

I had been meaning to ask you for some time whether there are any duplicated copies of your thesis which I can buy for reference in writing the Social History of the Gilbertese People which I am now engaged on? Any quotation or reference would, of course, be acknowledged in a footnote or endnote. If not, would it be possible to have the thesis microfilmed at my expense? It may, I suppose, be available on microfilm and facsimile from University Microfilms, in which case I can write to them.

That little work on the Gilbertese Maneaba is being translated into I-Kiribati by Kambati K. Uriam of the Tangintebu Theological College at the request of the Old Men and will, with luck, be published by the USP in the same format as the English edition for sale in the islands. I shall incorporate your kind amendment to my measurements, with due acknowledgements to you.

As you will see from my new address we are now living in the Mirinjani Retirement Village, having reached the age of 80 when we may require assistance from time to time and in any case can no longer look after a house and large garden. We went to the Pacific History Conference in Fiji during June and July, but alas almost everyone in our generation of Pacific workers is now dead.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Harry Maude
H.E. Maude.

Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, ACT 2611,
Australia,
10 September, 1985.

Kambati K. Uriam,
Lecturer in History,
Tangintebu Theological College,
PO Box 264, Bikenibeu,
TARAWA, Republic of Kiribati.

Dear Kambati,

The Gilbertese Maneaba

I am sorry not to have written before about your welcome offer to translate this work into I-Kiribati but unfortunately not long after our return to Australia we both fell ill with influenza; not the ordinary kind but a particularly bad type of virus that came from France.

We are lucky to be still alive because many of our age group (the 80s) died from it, and the process of recovery has been long and subject to relapses. However all is well now, or so we hope, and I have begun to deal with the arrears in my correspondence, which has got into a bit of a mess.

There is no need to obtain the permission of anyone else to translate and publish this book because the copyright is in my name. However, as a matter of courtesy I told Ron Crocombe, who published the book, what you proposed to do and his reply was: 'Good on Kambati; we must help him all we can'.

I am hoping that Ron will publish the translation and use the same cover jacket, but with the addition of the words: 'Translated into I-Kiribati K. Uriam'. I will provide any financial assistance necessary to keep the rental price of the book down to a figure which the Gilbertese can afford to pay.

I am sending in a separate envelope (by airmail) the copies of the book that I promised so that if you like you can take one or more to pieces and translate it page by page. If there is anything else that you need in the way of materials or finance for typing or other assistance or aids please let me know.

Also if you find any difficulties with the translation Reid Cowell and I will do what we can to help; though we both find it easier to translate from Gilbertese into English and you can probably find more skilled help on Tarawa from people like Kum On. However we should be glad to do what we can.

Wishing you all success with your project: I think the first work to be translated from English by a Gilbertese,

Yours sincerely,

Harry Maude



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Date: 30th August, ... '85.

H.E. Maude
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Australia.

Dear Harry,

re: Work on Translating "Gilbertese Maneaba".

Greetings from Kiribati,

With reference to our verbal communication at the Pacific History Conference about the work on translating your work 'The Gilbertese Maneaba' into I-Kiribati, right now I am still waiting for the materials you promised to send over to help the work of translation.

Since you have granted us permission on the translation, is it necessary also to obtain the publishers' consent? If yes, then please inform me so that the publisher concerned should also be approached for their right.

Waiting to hear from you soon,

Kambati K. Uriam
(Lecturer in History).

Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, ACT 2611,
Australia,
10 September, 1985.

Kambati K. Uriam,
Lecturer in History,
Tangintebu Theological College,
PO Box 264, Bikenibeu,
TARAWA, Republic of Kiribati.

Dear Kambati,

I-Kiribati Religion and Identity

If some day you could let me have (there is no hurry) a copy of the typescript of the paper which you read to the Pacific History Conference I should be grateful.

The reason that I ask is because I went to hear you give your address but, although I changed my position in the room three times, I never heard a word.

It was not your fault as your delivery was, I am told by others, quite clear but I am very deaf in my old age and the acoustics in that particular class-room were very bad. The University people told me that they were the worst of all the rooms.

Of course it may be that you spoke from notes or did not keep a copy of the address, in which case never mind and don't worry about it.

I am making a few copies of the talk I gave and could send you one if you like.

Yours sincerely,

Harry M. Aude



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13 September 1985

Mr Harry Maude
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Dear Harry

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of 7 September. It was good to hear from you.

Please be assured that Pergamon Press has no intention of remaindering your Slavers in Paradise. In fact, it was rather naughty of Brian Clouston to tell you that Pergamon was selling off ANU Press titles. This is simply untrue!

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Moreover, it would make no sense at all for Pergamon to remainder the stock which it has just paid good money for. Pergamon bought the books to resell them at a profit; it didn't buy them to remainder them.

Of course, after 1 July 1986, Pergamon may consider remaindering some titles - especially those which are not selling well or which are in a serious overstock situation. I can tell you here and now that Slavers in Paradise does not fall into either category.

At the close of business on Tuesday there were only 219 copies left in stock here. Although the sales pace is not exactly brisk at the moment, orders come through regularly. I expect that there will not be too many left in July 1986.

Incidentally, it is the practice of most publishers (and in fact, an obligation under most author contracts) to contact authors prior to any remaindering in order to offer them first option to purchase. If ever we do decide to remainder we will certainly contact you first.

If you happen to be talking to Brian again, please feel free to set him straight about all of the above. I assure you that Brian does already know all of this because this is exactly what I told him recently when he asked me if we wished to sell ANU Press remainders to



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Mr Harry Maude

to him. I would also be glad if you would correct any wrong impression about all of this if you hear it from others.

Good luck with the Grimble Papers again. I'm sure you'll soon have a long queue of publishers at your garden gate.

Best regards

Louise Knight.

Don Bradmore
Marketing Director

per Louise Knight

Unit 42, 'Miringjani',
11 Namatgira Drive,
Weston, ACT 2611,
7 September, 1985.

Mr Don Bradmore,
Marketing Manager, Pergamon Press Australia,
PO Box 544, Potts Point,
NSW 2011.

Dear Don,

I was very pleased indeed to find that you are happily settled in at Pergamon. It must have been a wretched time for you dealing with a Vice-Chancellor who I'm told said that he had never written a book himself and could not see why any other academic should write one; and with the bureaucratic Philistines who took their cue from him and the University Secretary.

I am quite sure that you would have made a success of the Grimble Book and that it would have proved financially viable too. But I was never convinced that the Pergamon Press either would or should publish it, and it was only Merrill Thomson's personal enthusiasm, and her promise to run off 1,000 copies at cost for the islanders, that induced me to leave the incomplete MS in her hands.

Hence my letter to her, which was intended to reassure her that I was not unhappy about Jerry Meyer's decision and quite understood the tinkle of the cash register which motivated it. I have over 10,000 items on the Pacific Islands in my library and not one is published by Pergamon, so the Grimble Book would have been out of place and in the circles that do buy Pergamon books it would have proved unsaleable.

On a happier theme: Slavers in Paradise has proved a stunning success and one of the co-publishers is reprinting it, having sold out all copies and with orders for more. I have told them that as the owner of the copyright I have no objection and anticipate none from any of the other publishers. So unless you write to the contrary I shall assume the acquiescence of Pergamon as the heir to the ANU Press.

I understand from Brian Clouston that Pergamon are remaindering the balance of ANU books in their hands, though I was informed on at least two occasions that the Slavers effusion would not be remaindered until the author had been given first refusal at the remainder price, this being customary procedure among reputable publishers.

But if the Manager of the Pergamon Press should not consider undertakings by the ANU Press as binding on him I should be most grateful if you would be so kind as to drop me a line saying when the Slavers should be due at Brian's place so that I can take them off his hands before someone else does. I am a bit worried because I'm due in Adelaide at the end of this month and should not like to miss out and find the cupboard bare on my return.

I do hope that you will find yourself nicely bedded down in your new sphere and that it will prove to be a worthwhile and challenging job. As Brian said everyone who left the ANU Press has got a better position as a result; Chris Makepiece, I believe, being in the big money up Darwin way. So the only people to suffer are the ANU authors and most of their output could, I have long thought, be put on record in duplicated form as being of concern only, or mainly, to their colleagues.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Harry Myer



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2 September 1985

Mr Harry Maude
Unit 42, "Miringjani"
11 Namatjira Drive
WESTON ACT 2611

Dear Harry

Your letter of 21 August addressed to Merril Thompson has reached me. Merril, as you may know, has left Pergamon/ANU Press to join "Heritage", the magazine of the National Trust, in Canberra.

I'm very pleased to have the opportunity to thank you for bringing The Grimble Papers to ANU Press. I well remember that you first came into my office in 1983 to discuss the publication of them with me. I'm certain that ANU Press would have published them had it remained afloat.

It was inevitable, I think, that ANU Press would take on a somewhat different look under Pergamon's direction. Jerry Mayer, the Managing Director here, has a particular image in mind for the ANU Press now, and he has already contracted some most promising new proposals. Keen ANU Press'watchers' will notice, however, that there will be fewer books published dealing with Australia, PNG, and the Pacific region, and more dealing with issues in the "hard" sciences. These suit Pergamon's international marketing profile better and they will, I'm sure, reflect considerable credit on all concerned. I look forward to hearing more about The Grimble Papers in whatever form you choose to publish the material, and I wish you every success.

Thank you for your courtesy. Please let me know if there is any way in which I can assist.

Yours sincerely

Don Bradmore
Marketing Director



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31 August

Dear Harry and Honor,

My delay in answering your May 9 letter was dictated not by rudeness but by having been 3 months in Papua New Guinea on the ANU Lapita Homeland Project (Prehistory). An exciting study of a Manus type canoe with obvious Ninigo and Carolinian affinities with Wal Ambrose was a highlight as well as living with Mimi's villagers in New Ireland. I am so glad you are both happy in your new and less demanding home - is there a garden Honor? I have experienced many changes and am happy as never before. Susie, who you may remember, is a dancer in Paris. Vicky, the younger, has retired as an acrobatic dancer and is currently with boy friend trying to disentangle her late grandmother's assets from Johannesburg. Fiona is at Macquarie Uni. full time taking a degree in animal behaviour.

Mimi, graduate student in anthro at Uni of Virginia, have been together for 4 years now. She was deputy leader on our 1982-4 16 month Antarctic expedition and she was studying traditional trade patterns on the Lapita project.

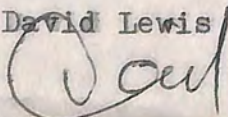
Yes please, I would like the Lancet article as my files of reprints, etc., are sadly depleted by travel and poor organisation. Professor Bart Bok's thing sounds interesting too. Thanks.

At the moment Mimi is writing her dissertation and I am just writing, an (unpaid) scholar in residence at the uni here. The recent trip has revived determination to get back to the Pacific. Hope to see you both in Canberra some time.

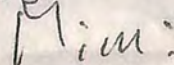
Very best wishes

Yours

David Lewis



Mimi George



The Australian National University

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Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, A.C.T.2611,
9 May, 1985.

Dr David Lewis,
Dangar Island,
N.S.W.2253.

Dear David,

We have been sorting and disposing the accumulations of a lifetime in order to be able to squeeze into our new flat in the Miringani Retirement Village, and in the process I came across a couple of items which may possibly be of some use to you.

One is a copy of an article which you and some cobbers published in The Lancet during 1964 and was sent to me for use in connexion with your application to join us at the ANU. It could be that you have not got many spares left by now and would like it back.

The other item was given to me by Professor Bart Bok when he was in charge of the astronomy people here at Mount Stromlo. He designed it for the use of people who could not navigate, and may at least amuse you before you throw it away.

It is all rather beyond me and I should personally prefer to have Harold Gatty's The Raft Book and Nature is your Guide should I find myself all alone in the middle of the Pacific.

Honor and I are pretty comfortable in our new abode, which has a large sitting room, a bedroom and a study where I can keep all the books I require for my present work on the traditional history of the Kiribati people. It is a joy working through hundreds of manuscripts on the traditional lore dictated to Grimble and ourselves over half a century ago.

An additional benefit is that we are free now to go off to the islands whenever we feel like it; in our Forrest home we had got caught up in a rather meaningless routine of maintaining an unnecessarily large property, and could never go away because the house would be looted and vandalized and the garden would fall to pieces.

Don't bother to reply to this; but we hope that you are well and continuing as usual to add to the world's stock of knowledge,

Yours ever,
Harry M. and

'Miringani', Weston,
2nd August, 1985.

Dear Oskar,

Sorry about that Age review but I'm afraid that it is a no-show as far as I am concerned.

When I told Honor about it she said that John Carter had already rung up from Sydney after lunch, when I was asleep, and booked me for PIM.

Honor did not make any promises but John naturally expected first refusal should I contemplate doing a review, and I should much prefer writing one for PIM, where the publishers and many of the readers are friends, to sweating something out for the ephemeral capitalist press to whom I owe nothing.

Nancy Phelan does reviews for the Age (good ones too) and has at least been to Ocean Island, and possibly Nauru, when writing Atoll Holiday. Why don't they try her?

Yours ever,

Harry *My uncle*

Unit 42, 'Miringjani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, ACT 2611,
Australia,
21 July, 1985.

Mr T.G. Mallinson,
Highgate School,
Highgate, London N6 4AY,
England.

Dear Mr Mallinson,

I see from the March Cholmeleian that you are the keeper of the O.Cs' addresses, so please write me down as having moved to what will probably be my final address before I depart from this world:-

Unit 42, 'Miringjani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, ACT 2611,
Australia.

Miringjani is a Retirement Village - there are dozens of them now that the idea has been copied from America and has been found to fill a need now that the old family structure has largely broken down.

The large commercially-operated type for ex-businessmen, with its country club, golf links, bars, heated swimming pool and sauna baths, didn't appeal, as we should never use the frills; nor did the government-subsidized types which are apt to be a bit Spartan and are really only intended for blue-collar trade unionists; but in between we found some rather nice ones operated for the most part by churches.

We have a cosy self-contained flat with a study for my work and everything very comfortable; and there are 3½ acres of gardens which Honor, being an incurable gardener, helps other enthusiasts to keep going.

Actually we have just come back from Fiji where we went as I had to give an address to the Conference of Pacific Historians, and we are both at work again: Honor on her eighth monograph on the string figures of Oceania while I am finishing a history of the Gilbertese people before the coming of the European, mainly based on oral tradition. It is being written for the islanders themselves as they are becoming increasingly curious about their past.

I will send you a copy of my latest book, Slavers in Paradise, for the school library, not that I imagine anyone would actually read it but because I have always felt that the works of O.Cs should have their little section there, if only to show that some of us oldies were at least literate.

The Slavers effusion was a great success in the U.S. and to my delight in the Pacific Islands (where they bought 2,000 copies in a few months), but we did not attempt to sell any in England owing to the absence these days of any serious interest in the Pacific Islands in the U.K. Oceania comprises a third of the surface of the globe but, I think, manages to survive without a single O.C.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Harry M. Ande

P.O.Box 207,
Lyndoch, S.A. 5351

23 June 1985

Dear Mr Maude,

Thank you for your reply of 17 June 1985 about the Mander-Jones tribute in Archives and Manuscripts. I quite understand from your remarks that your brief contact with Miss Mander-Jones would be insufficient basis on which to make a contribution to the tribute. I am grateful for the consideration you have given to the matter. You may be interested to know that Miss Judith Baskin and Mr W.D.Thorn (both of the National Library) who were associated with Miss Mander-Jones' work in Great Britain will be among the contributors and I expect their pieces will make some reference to Pacific Islands materials.

Yours sincerely,

Gerald Fischer.

n.b.a.
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Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, ACT 2611,
17 June, 1985.

Mr Gerald Fischer,
P.O. Box 207,
LYNDOCH,
South Australia 5351.

Dear Mr Fischer,

Your letter has been forwarded to me at the Retirement Home where I am now living. Actually I retired from the ANU some 15 years ago and am now engaged in ethnohistorical work on and for the Gilbertese people of Kiribati.

I have given some thought to your request that I might write about a thousand words in tribute to Phyllis Mander-Jones, but regret very much that it does not seem possible for I know so little about her.

At the age of 80 my memory is admittedly a bit faulty but I think that I only met Miss Mander-Jones on three, or maybe four, occasions. I doubt if added up they would amount to more than an hour and our conversation was entirely concerned with Pacific Islands manuscript material in England.

I once had tea with her at her home near Oxford but could not claim to be a friend of hers for she was a very private and retiring person, as I am myself, and I never got to know her personally or learnt anything about her career.

Sorry not to be of more help; probably people in England knew her better.

Yours sincerely,

John

From: Gerald Fischer,
P.O. Box 207,
Lyndoch, S.A. 5351
1 June 1985

Dear Mr Maude,

My name, I think, will be quite unknown to you. Until the end of 1980, I was the Archivist at The University of Sydney, and before that I was the Archivist in The State Library of South Australia.

The Editor of Archives and manuscripts, the journal of The Australian Society of Archivists, has asked me to bring together a collection of tributes to the work of the late Miss Phyllis Mander-Jones who died last year. Among names suggested as possible contributors, yours was included in a list given to me for initial guidance. I write, therefore, to ask whether you might agree to prepare a short piece - I should think not more than a thousand words at most - on your association with Miss Mander-Jones, particularly, perhaps, in reference to Pacific area materials. However, I would prefer to leave the choice of subject to you, but with the suggestion that it might not wholly exclude some personal or anecdotal touches. It is at present planned to publish the tributes in the May 1986 issue of Archives and Manuscript, and for this purpose I should need to have the contributions by October or November of this year.

I have already written to about twelve possible contributors. Among those who have indicated that they will write a piece are Professor Marjorie Jacobs, Mr Allan Horton (University of N.S.W. Librarian), Ms Baiba Berzins (present Mitchell Librarian), and Mrs Pauline Fanning (former Director in The National Library). I should be grateful if you feel that you are able to be part of the tribute.

Yours sincerely,

Gerald Fischer.



Massey University

PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND

TELEPHONES, 69-079, 69-089, 69-099.

In reply please quote:

Harry
20/6/85

Dear Harry,

Just a quick note to say that I am delighted to hear that you will be in Suva. I will look forward to a more leisurely chat than our last hurried encounter as I dashed off to catch a plane.

I was talking to Marilyn on the phone last night, just tidying up the last of the loose ends on the phosphates. It has been an interesting project but I shall be glad to have the time now to rejoin the world!

I trust you are well, and enjoying your new home. My best to you & Monor.

Best wishes

Barnie

Unit 42, Mirinjani Retirement Village,
11 Namatjira Drive, Weston, ACT 2611,
14th June, 1985.

Vision for Growth,
PO Box Q190,
Queen Victoria Building,
SYDNEY, NSW 2000.

Dear Sirs,

Your appeal 'Vision for Growth' has been forwarded to me from my former address in Forrest; and I have from time to time received copies of your periodical 'Cathedral News'.

Actually I have no connexion with Sydney, other than with the postal Ministry of Healing, and have not been to your city for many years.

Under the circumstances I suggest that it would be best not to send me 'Cathedral News' and any more appeals.

As you will readily appreciate I get a number of requests for help from my own diocese and parish, as well as from such national organizations as Bush Church Aid, the Australian Board of Missions, Save the Children Fund, Force 10, the Bible Society, and Austcare.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude.

(Mrs H.E. Maude).

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P.O BOX 6,
BAIRIKI TARAWA,
REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI

LA 12/42/R.

12th June, 1985.

Professor H.E. Maude,
Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11, Namatjira Drive,
Weston,
A.C.T. 2611,
Australia.

Dear Professor Maude,

This is to thank you for your letter of 14 May and for the enclosures and the list of firearms collected by Captain Davies. We will be able to repair and 'encapsulate' Davies' list.

I am of course delighted that Paddy Macdonald has decided to send his GEIC records to us. He did say in his letter that you had urged him strongly to take this course and that he was persuaded by you. Thank you very much for your successful action on our behalf. With regard to copying a set for you I think this can be done quite easily and I have made a note to do so when the records have arrived, perhaps about September.

I am glad to hear that you are comfortable in your new home and that you like your study.

With best wishes to you both.

Yours sincerely

(R. Overy)
Librarian/Archivist.

Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, A.C.T.2611,
Australia, 14 May, 1985.

Mr R. Overy,
National Library and Archives,
P.O. Box 6, Bairiki Tarawa,
Republic of Kiribati.

Dear Dick,

Thank you for your letter, which reached me safely at my new address. We are quite comfortable here in the Miringani Retirement Village and I have a compact and well-designed study where I can work in peace. It is lined with bookcases and cupboards and fitted with filing cabinets, a photo-copier and an electronic typewriter.

I am sending a few items which came to hand when sorting my correspondence and papers for deposit in the archives of the University of Adelaide, where future researchers will be able to use them when writing the history of the Central Pacific Islands.

- (1) A copy of Derek Freeman's transcript of all the LMS Journals relating to missionary visits to the Southern Gilbert Islands, from Whitmee's first voyage in 1870 to Marriott's in 1898. I'm afraid they are very faint but you can easily recopy them.
- (2) Instructions for the manufacture of Bray's Emulsion, which we used a lot before the war to reduce the incidence of infant deaths from Vitamen B deficiency. It may be of interest to the medicos.
- (3) (In a separate package). The original and a photocopy of an historically important item by Captain Davies on the collection of firearms in 1892. The original is unfortunately very fragile but may perhaps be restored, and possibly mounted.

Paddy Macdonald tells me that he has sent you all his typescripts of the GEIC records from 1874-1914. He asked me some time ago what he should do with them and I recommended the Kiribati Archives as the most appropriate resting place but I told him at the same time that I would endeavour to persuade you to have the whole series photocopied for my own reference purposes and eventual deposit in the Kiribati Section of the Pacific Islands Library in Adelaide with Barrie Macdonald's and my own collections.

Can you manage to do this in due course? ^x If so it might be as well to have a second set copied for use by researchers at Tarawa, as I imagine that it will prove a popular item for budding thesis and essay writers in the years to come.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

Harry Byrnie

^x at my expense, of course.

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6th March, 1985.

Professor H.E. Maude,
Unit 42, mirinjani Village,
11, namatjira Drive,
Weston,
A.C.T. 2611,
Australia

Dear Professor Maude,

I write to thank you for your letter of 14 December 1984 which contained some information about 'Dippy' Clarke and Philip Spain.

I also wish to acknowledge receipt and thank you very much indeed for the parcel containing copies of off-prints of articles by you together with a quantity of miscellaneous papers. This generous gift is most welcome and is a valuable acquisition for the National Archives.

I have addressed this to you at your new address as you indicated that you expected to move about mid - February. I was in Sydney in Mid-January and part of February but had no time to visit Canberra. Anyway I expect you were rather busy preparing to move. Once again many thanks indeed for your continued help with our work here.

With best wishes to Mrs. Maude and yourself.

Yours sincerely
Rich Overy

(R. Overy)
Librarian/Archivist.

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P.O BOX 6,
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REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI

LA 12/42

12th December, 1984

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

Dear Professor Maude,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of 23 November last, together with enclosures. You have no need to apologise for anything and you have had many reasons for not being able to write. I am very glad to hear that your wife is now well on the way to recovery and good health.

It has now been confirmed that I shall stay here for another period of two years so departure day is now postponed until sometime in December 1986. I did make some tentative enquiries about the future when I was in Brisbane but all of those with whom I talked said that it would be difficult unless I were actually on the spot when vacancies occurred and positions were advertised.

With regard to the Dalton Journal, we decided against bidding for it. I heard only two weeks ago that it went for about £4,000. My informant was the Acting British High Commissioner, Richard Sands. He told me he met you once or twice when he was posted to Canberra in the mid 1970s, probably about the time the Banaban case was being prepared.

I have read and examined the lists you sent with your letter. We shall be very pleased indeed to accept the material you plan to send to us. Good use will be made of it and where there are sufficient extra copies I shall distribute them to other appropriate libraries here. This collection is a wonderful gift to receive and is much appreciated. I feel sure we can reimburse you for the cost of sending the material if you will simply advise me of the cost.

Thank you also for the information on your work plans and for the synopsis of the Grimble book. It will be good to see the Grimble papers and notes in print at last.

I wrote to you on 27 November so letters crossed, but do not bother too much about the Spain enquiry I mentioned. It is quite a disadvantage not having copies of the WPHC records as we do get a surprising number of pre-war enquiries. However, I expect that some day we shall manage to get a copy of those already on microfilm.

Once again many thanks for your letter. I shall look forward to receiving the off-prints and other materials. With best wishes to Mrs. Maude and yourself for Christmas and 1985

Yours sincerely,

Rick Overy
(R. OVERY)

Librarian/Archivist

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

77 Arthur Circle, Forrest,
A.C.T.2603, Australia,
23rd November, 1984.

Dear Dick,

My deepest apologies for not having replied before to your two letters of 2 July and 10 August but Renée Heyum, who told me that she had seen you at some Brisbane Conference, may have mentioned that my wife Honor was very ill.

She remained ill for a long time and did not respond to treatment; finally she had to have rather a tricky operation to the base of her spine. This has happily proved successful, thanks to a superb Tamil surgeon, but the convalescent period has proved long and until recently rather painful.

Normal life for the last two and a half months ceased to exist as far as we were concerned as I acted as a day and night nurse, shopper, cook, housemaid and cleaner. But now things are returning to normal and I am able to recommence my correspondence.

Anyway I hope that your troubles as far as your tenure in the Kiribati Public Service is concerned are now at an end, or at least postponed indefinitely, and that you were able to make enquiries as to the prospects of employment in this country when you were over here.

With regard to the WPHC records Paddy sent me an even longer letter than he sent you (or so he says; it was three foolscap pages of single-spaced typing, plus enclosures). It is all a muddle which I am glad to keep out of since Bruce and Paddy tell such different stories that it is difficult, and at this stage useless, to try to find out what actually happened.

My own feeling is that Bruce should have got all the records microfilmed before he left. We offered him micro-filming equipment and finance from Australia but he seemed incapable of organizing the rush salvage operation that was essential.

As Bruce failed to complete the work Paddy should have insisted on having it done before packing the records and sending them to London. The FCO would have squirmed and howled but I believe they would have given way if he had threatened to resign (he didn't need the job financially); after all, it was only a matter of a few months.

I fear that Honiara is an unsuitable respoitory for these or any other records as local politics will, I'm afraid, prevent the development of an adequate archives protection and developemnt policy. Nor do I think that the other ex-WPHC territories will find it easy to obtain what they want on microfilm. It will

be interesting to see how things turn out.

Many thanks for the most interesting information in your letter of 10 August. The Kiribati Government will have long since decided whether to purchase the Dalton Journal or not, but I should be glad to know who got it. The information which you sent on the discovery of the Phoenix Islands is very important; but now we have a copy to quote the original is no longer so essential.

No, I know nothing about the BBC Radio 4 programme being arranged by June Knox-Mawer. Even if asked I should not be willing to participate as I am a writer and not a broadcaster and my experience of these programmes is that they are ephemeral entertainment items of no research value. I imagine that she will have no difficulty in filling her list of participants from the ex-island administrative service people in the U.K. There must be a dozen or more who served in the Gilberts and the BBC would be easily able to get a complete list of names and addresses from the Crown Agents, who pay them their pensions.

I enclose a list of published and unpublished material which I am sending to you in case they are of sufficient interest to accession in the archives or give to researchers working on related themes. If I can afford the damage I'll send them by airmail parcel but if the charge is too heavy I'll have to post them by surface mail.

I have now at long last shut up shop and retired from all academic positions, and we move into Unit 42 in the Mirinjani Retirement Village, 11 Namatjira Drive, Weston, A.C.T.2611, about mid-February. Once settled in there I shall concentrate, all going well, on completing my life work so that I can die in peace. There are really only three items which seem to need fixing up and all were under way when Honor got ill:-

- (1) The history of the Gilbertese people up to the coming of Europeans. I shall try to finish this first as it is not long and I was reassured when you sounded quite enthusiastic about it. Maybe it will be of use for schools as well as adults and I am trying to make it easy to read by the man-in-the-village.
- (2) The Grimble Book, of which I enclose a preliminary synopsis showing what has been done to date.
- (3) A probably duplicated work reproducing all the Gilbertese oral traditions collected by Grimble, myself and others. Most of these are in Gilbertese, with a few in English, and there will be no attempt to translate as my idea is simply to record them for posterity.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

List of Items being sent to Kiribati

Archives

I - Offprints of articles by H.E. Maude

- (1) The Stalactite Fish Hooks of Ocean Island. JPS vol.76, no.4 (1967), pp.415-26. 3 copies.
- (2) Spanish Discoveries in the Central Pacific: a study in identification. JPS vol.68, no.4 (1959), pp.115-40.
- (3) The Co-operative Movement in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. Proceedings of the Seventh Pacific Science Congress vol.7 (1953), pp.63-76. 12 copies.
- (4) Searching for Sources. JPH vol.3 (1968), pp.210-23. 5 copies.
- (5) The Voyage of the Pandora's Tender. The Mariner's Mirror vol.50, no.3 (1964), pp.217-35. 2 copies.
- (6) The British Central Pacific Islands: A Report on Land Classification. Proceedings of the Seventh Pacific Science Congress vol.6 (1953), pp.89-97. 6 copies.
- (7) Tahitian Interlude: The Migration of the Pitcairn Islanders to the Motherland in 1831. JPS vol.68, no.2 (1959), pp.284-326. 2 copies.
- (8) James Wightman Davidson. JPH vol.2 (1967), pp.225-7. 3 copies.
- (9) The Raiatean Chief Auna and the Conversion of Hawaii. JPH vol.8 (1973), pp.188-91. 2 copies.
- (10) Louis Becke: The Trader's Historian. JPH vol.2 (1967), pp.225-7. 3 copies.
- (11) The Swords of Gabriel: A Study in Participant History. JPH vol.2 (1967), pp.113-36. 7 copies.
- (12) Beachcombers and Castaways. JPS vol.73, no.3 (1964), pp.254-93. 3 copies.
- (13) The Coconut Oil trade of the Gilbert Islands. JPS vol.74, no.4 (1965), pp.396-437. 5 copies.
- (14) Pacific History - Past, Present and Future. JPH vol.6 (1971), pp.3-24. 6 copies.
- (15) Memorandum on Post-war Reorganisation and Administrative Policy. Auckland, 1945. 30 pp. 5 copies.
- (16) Post-Spanish Discoveries in the Central Pacific. JPS vol.70, no.1 (1961), pp.67-111. 2 copies.

- (17) The Colonization of the Phoenix Islands. JPS vol.61, nos 1 & 2 (1952), pp.62-89. 2 copies.
- (18) The Tahitian Pork Trade: 1800-1830. Journal de la Société des Océanistes vol.15, no.15 (1959), pp.55-95. 3 copies.
- (19) In Search of a Home: From the Mutiny to Pitcairn Island (1789-1790). Revised edition. Smithsonian Institution Publication 4411 (1960). 2 copies.
- (20) Rarotongan Sandalwood: An Ethnohistorical Reconstruction. JPS vol.71, no.1 (1962), pp.32-56. 2 copies.
- (21) Tioba and the Tabiteuean Religious Wars. JPS vol.90, no.3 (1981), pp.307-36. 12 copies.
- (22) The Co-operative Movement in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. South Pacific vol.4, no.6 (1950), 10 pp. 12 copies.
- (23) Rural Community Projects in the South Pacific. Paper delivered to the Eighth Pacific Science Congress (1953), unpagged. 2 copies.
- (24) The Role of the Social Sciences and Applied Anthropology in the Welfare of the Peoples of the South Pacific Commission area. Paper delivered to the Eighth Pacific Science Congress (1953), unpagged. 2 copies.
- (25) Social Development in the South Pacific. South Pacific vol.4, no.5 (1950), pp.73-84. 2 copies.
- (26) The Precedence of Tarawa Atoll. Annals of the Association of American Geographers vol.56, no.2 (1966), pp.269-89. 4 copies.

II - Miscellaneous

- (1) Diets: Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony. TS. 9 pp. N.d. No author stated.
- (2) Maude, H.E., Bibliography of books, pamphlets and articles on the Phoenix and Line Islands. From Report on the Phoenix and Line Islands with special reference to the question of British sovereignty, Suva, 1940. TS. 7p.
- (3) Declarations between the Governments of Great Britain and the German Empire relating to the demarcation of the British and German spheres of influence in the Western Pacific, London, Harrison and Sons, 1886. Western Pacific No.1 (1886). C.-4656. Print. 6p.
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- (5) Young, D. Murray, Report on Cervical Adenitis in the Gilbert Islands. Suva, Government Printer, 1930. Print. 5p.

- (6) Map of the Western Pacific High Commission Territories. Suva, Lands and Survey Department, 1937.
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10 August, 1984

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

Dear Professor Maude,

Attached to this letter is a photocopy of a page from a recent Sotheby catalogue which I feel sure will be of interest to you. The auction has taken place but Dr. Dalton's journal remained unsold. The Secretary to Cabinet here has circularized the information to several people here including myself and wonders whether Kiribati should try to acquire the journal. It might be possible to purchase it for about £8000 or a bit less. I would be most interested to hear what you think about the sudden appearance of the journal. I am certain you would have made good use of it had it been available for inspection when you were preparing your various reports and papers on sovereignty and discovery generally.

The second thing which I thought I would mention to you is that the B.B.C. are preparing . . . "a series of programmes, to be broadcast on B.B.C. Radio 4, which will be based on the memories and experiences of British people who lived and worked in the Gilbert Islands in the years before, during and for a decade or two after the Second World War. The presenter will be June Knox-Mawer". Your name came immediately to mind but of course I have no idea whether you would want to participate in such a series of radio programmes. Also, if you were interested, I do not know who would come and talk to you since you now live so far from England, but I am sure that one of their Australian correspondents or 'stringers' would be available if you were to be involved. I have acknowledged the B.B.C. request but have not given them the names of people who might be willing to help and because I do not know what names they have come up with already as a result of their own research efforts. Anyhow, I just thought you might like to know what they are planning, although perhaps you know already.

With best wishes,

(R. Overy)
Librarian/Archivist

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2 July, 1984

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

Dear Professor Maude,

Many thanks for your kind and thoughtful letter of 21 June last. All is not quite lost as I have just been informed that my Ministry (Education) and our Public Service Commission have agreed that they further require my services. It remains to be seen what ODA wants.

With regard to the WPHC records I have been keeping myself informed and I hope up-to-date on what is happening. The plan is still that U.K. will send the records to Honiara in batches over the next few years. There are doubts about the ability of Honiara to look after the records and guarantees of access and copying facilities are still awaited. Quite out of the blue and after a silence of almost five years I had a fairly strong letter from P.D. Macdonald on the WPHC affair. I think what grieves him most is the fact that he was not consulted on the question of sending the records back to this region. He also feels that it would have been perfectly possible to split up the records according to territory. Anyway, I have written to him and told him what I know and telling him that Kiribati agreed, somewhat hesitantly I confess, and that the decision was taken administratively by our Foreign Affairs ministry. I did not remind Paddy that he, when temporarily in charge in Suva, and a vetting officer from London both recommended that the records be sent to UK. I think, from what he says that Paddy would have chosen almost any place other than Honiara but then I do not know the history and background with regard to his views, impressions and relations with Honiara, nor do I know Honiara.

I do not know if you still correspond with Paddy but I hope you will not quote anything from this letter as otherwise he is liable to come down on me like the proverbial ton of bricks!

Once again many thanks for your kind thoughts and wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(D. Overy)
Librarian/Archivist

77 Arthur Circle, Forrest,
A.C.T.2603, Australia,
21st June, 1984.

My dear Dick,

Thank you for your letter. I was not really worried about that translation of the Tabiteuean article but merely anxious to encourage Billy Schutz in his laudable proposal to produce some secular literature in the vernacular for the Gilbertese.

But what worries us now is your statement that you may have to leave Tarawa owing to retrenchments. This would be a tragedy for Kiribati for it is essential that there should be someone at Tarawa devoted to fostering progress in the social field - the humanities, arts and literature that build and unify a nation.

I have long seen a real danger that in its necessary and quite understandable concentration on economic matters the government may be creating a hedonistic society with not a thought in anyone's head apart from personal advancement, money-making and pleasure: in fact the antithesis of the old people of my time.

I spoke to Robert Langdon who suggests that you should beard the Australian High Commissioner, or whatever the boss cocky is called, and try to persuade him to recommend a special ADAB grant to cover your salary as archivist. We for our part would do all we can here to support such a move but Robert considers that we should be powerless without a recommendation from the H.C.

If this idea fails and you are retracted we both feel that you should try for a job in librarianship or as an archivist in Australia or New Zealand rather than the U.K., if only because your family would feel more at home in this part of the world.

Twenty years ago I knew the leading lights in these fields and would have been able to find you a position without too much difficulty. Today alas it is different as a new generation has taken over; but if you were to send us a curriculum vitae we could make preliminary enquiries.

The best way to land a job here is, of course, by coming to Australia yourself, seeing the lie of the land and applying in person; but we appreciate that this would involve an expenditure which you may well not be in a position to afford.

I hope that, like the Solomons, Kiribati will be applying to have their missing archival material retrieved from London, where it should never have been sent in the first place.

Wishing you a happy resolution of
your difficulties,

Yours,

Harry Maude

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22nd May, 1984.

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

Dear Professor Maude,

I see that over a year has passed since I last wrote to you. Billy Schutz to whom you have recently written showed me your letter to him, and I noted your reference to the proposed translation of the Tabiteuea religions wars paper. Kunei Etekiera has completed about three quarters of the draft translation. He has been, by his own admission, slow to complete the work. In mitigation I should explain that Kunei is still in PNG on a library and information studies course which he will complete in December this year and for which I expect him to be awarded a diploma. I do apologize for not advising you earlier as to reasons for such a long delay. Kunei committed himself to undertake the translation work before he knew he was going abroad for study. Having become involved with it, I think he is reluctant to hand over the work to someone else to complete.

I was very interested to read in your letter to Billy Schutz that in addition to your Grimble book, you are also working on the history of the Gilbertese people in Samoa and here up to the time of the arrival of Europeans. This sounds absolutely fascinating and I can hardly wait with patience to see it in print. It will of course be extremely valuable, especially to the Kiribati people, in filling in an enormous gap in the written history of these islands and people.

All goes slowly and quietly here, but more or less well. The true impact of the loss of phosphate revenue is now being felt to some extent, and Britain fully intends to reduce to nil its budgetary aid to Kiribati over the next few years. My own immediate future here is in the balance due to a desire, both Kiribati and British, to reduce manning levels in the public service, and to localize whenever possible. However, I will be here until perhaps March of 1985 and have applied, without too much hope of success, to do a further two or three years contract.

I have enquired about emigration to Australia but the picture painted for me by the second Secretary at the Australian High Commission was glum - it seems I would have a good chance if I ~~were~~ were a refugee from South East Asia rather than an ~~expatriate~~ expatriate Irish librarian !! I have not given up hope though, and intend to with renewed determination at a later stage.

With best wishes to Mrs. Maude and yourself.

Yours sincerely

Rich Overy

(R. Overy)
Librarian/Archivist.



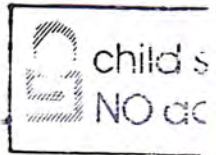
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Claude MONET (1840-1926)
Femmes au Jardin, 1867

Dear Honor and Harry,
Oskar has just told me that you have both been laid low by the wretched flu going around Canberra. I hope by the time this card (to make you think of spring) reaches you, you will be feeling better again. I had in mind to ring you next week, as I have been anxious about not returning your file of whaling material. Harry It has proved difficult to think of a time to come over to the foreign fields of Western Creek, and I was going to ask if it would be convenient to call around lunchtime one day to deliver the box. Anyway, I will call (by phone) next week - meanwhile, all good wishes for your recovery. I

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Unit 42, 'Miringani',
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Weston, ACT 2611,
14 June, 1985.

Dr David Routledge,
The University of the South Pacific,
PO Box 1168, Suva, Fiji.

Dear David,

Herewith two copies of the third and more or less final draft of the paper which I mentioned to you as a possibility, if it is wanted. I hope it is not, since I'm a retiring sort of creature and hate performing in public.

The beginning and end is of course subject to change to suit circumstances, but in any case I extemporize such matters as I go along. The thing takes 42 minutes but if it is to be cut more it will lose most of the point of the exercise, as it will mean leaving out the islanders. I rather wanted to show that you don't need to be a European, or have some connection with Europeans, to feature as an historical entity.

One point that I have just remembered your mentioning: that Sione is to do the summing up of the talkathon. He's surely by far the most appropriate person present, though I don't envy him the job, especially in view of the simultaneous sessions.

We are now due to arrive p.m. on the 24th and I shall try to find somewhere where we can rent a car for the duration. Our Fiji Licences are out of date but I imagine that the tourist trade is sufficiently important to Fiji for them to accept current Australian ones, as they do in Hawaii.

Oskar has just rung to say that he'll be there for sure so I'll not be the only antediluvian - one feels so conspicuous at these gatherings of youth and beauty. As one of them said to Raymond Firth at a similar junket: 'I suppose that it is partly due to your pioneering work that we of the new generation can all see so much farther and so much clearer than you ever could'.

Yours,

Harry Myer



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11 June 1985

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Jean Hammy + HANNAH

Please press on with your "little dose of poison" and don't worry about references! These can grace a publication.

If you could stay as little longer it would be splendid. I shall promise to organize some I.- Kiribati to come and listen along with interested colleagues. A possibility would be for you to deliver it to the special course in Advance Pacific History, running from 24 June to 24 July.

Ron's idea incidentally is to arrange attendance at the course (which includes attendance at the conference) with the money you so kindly make available. Otherwise, as you say it would be a long way a lot of cash and small return.

You have not indicated exactly when and how you will arrive. How otherwise can I meet you?

Your sincerely,

Savin

Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, ACT 2611,
4th June, 1985.

Dr David Routledge,
The University of the South Pacific,
P.O. Box 1168, Suva, Fiji.

Dear David,

Thank you for ringing me on the phone. It must have been telepathy activating you for Honor and I had been discussing whether or not to go to Fiji even though I had decided not to give a paper.

We had our accommodation booked at the GPH by John Garrett and June-July are cold months and quite unpropitious here, so we had more or less decided to go after all only a few hours before you rang.

Actually I had thought that I was doing Ron and you a favour by not speaking for with 90 papers to get through in three simultaneous relays I could see no point whatever in adding to the burden of rhetorical exercises.

But your phone call settled things; just as well for we both prefer to have our minds made up for us; being mentally lazy.

As to a seminar or talk or whatever there is, as I said, insufficient time to prepare the paper which I had in mind, as it would entail looking up a hundred or two references. But it seemed to me that I could, if desired, give either a seminar or talk, as preferred, which would not be just a boiling down of the little book I am working on, but one on the problems of writing a real island history - of the people, for the people, and by the people (or at least from their source material) - and the way in which I am tackling these difficulties.

So I have typed out a preliminary draft of what I had in mind and will send a copy in a separate envelope so that you can see if its the sort of thing you want or not. I did it straight off the cuff from memory without looking up any references so it did not take very long.

It is, of course, too lengthy as it stands and I shall now tighten it up and cut it down to 40 minutes, i.e. 4,400 words delivered at 110 a minute. Less than that is not really worth the trouble for unlike the up and coming set I am not anxious to hear my own voice at all and will only perform if it is of genuine help to you and your cause, presumably as an antidote to all those

studies on Europeans in the Pacific which I, perhaps wrongly, expect to be the main theme of the Conference. It does not seem to me that there is much future for Pacific history if, with the bulk of it already done, we have to concentrate on more and more detail of less and less importance.

My little dose of poison is written to spout to a mainly islander audience and after (perhaps a week after) the shemozzle so as to act as an antidote to the majority view. But if you want it, and prefer to fit it in elsewhere I'll be there with the introduction suitably amended; if there is any introduction after I've cut the verbosity down by half.

One other point you mentioned: bringing someone down from Tarawa to enjoy the bean-feast. Sure if Ron considers it desirable I'll pick up the tab up to \$1,000. It seems a long way and a lot of cash but I have every faith in the Honourable Director and his ability to know what he's doing and why.

With best wishes for a successful Conference. You will be so busy that I shall probably not see you there; especially with all that pulchritude floating around.

Yours,

Harry My aside

will be in Suva from 25 June to 5 July,

maybe later



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10 May 1985

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Dear Harry,

I have been extremely delinquent in thanking you for the fine book you sent me some years back. I have seen some good reviews, and heard some very laudatory comments. You must be proud of it.

Lately I have been focussing my interest on the human implications of space exploration and colonization. In fact, next week I leave for a NASA laboratory where I'll be working with the SETI people---that is, those who area Searching for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

But, I have not given up on the Pacific, as witness two of the three papers enclosed. In August I will fly to Tahiti to join Hokule'a for her sail from there to the Cooks and on to New Zealand. Under very good Hawaiian management, the canoe is making what they call a "Voyage of Rediscovery" around Polynesia. Now the project is succeeding beyond my wildest dreams.

Then, after arrival in New Zealand about December 15, I'll have to fly back to Hawaii to face the music: in this case, it appears that I may have to be department chairman and stay put for a while.

Please give my regards to Honor.

Sincerely yours,

Ben R. Finney

Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, 2611,
Australia, 4.5.85.

Dear Fergus Clunite,

Many thanks for your letter and for the copy of Domodomo with your article on the Laurice affair, which I found quite fascinating as you tell it so well and have succeeded in embedding it in a matrix of contemporary Fijian history which makes it a credible and indeed a definitive study.

I find the early history of Fiji so much more fascinating than the later periods with all that boring political cag; once an island state loses its independence it seems to become a branch of imperial history. Though there is plenty of material for a social history of the islanders even in colonial times no one seems to write it up.

I had been meaning to get in touch with you for some time about the possibility of publishing an edition of Cary and Twyning. Years ago I persuaded Peter France to write an Introduction to these two early Fijian texts with a view to publishing them together in the Pacific History Series as one volume.

Unfortunately I then retired from the ANU, and from editing the Series, and the Committee which took over did not seem to be interested. So eventually I tried out Glen Adams, who seemed keen until a few years ago when I'm told he had some sort of a breakdown.

Since then I have been unable to get him to move, although I believe he has both books set up in type ready for printing. First he said that he could not fit Peter's references into their place in the text, so I offered to do this for him and also to complete the paragraph or two on Wallis and Futuna which Peter had left for me to do.

Then he said that you were going to write the Introduction instead of Peter, and in another letter he doubted whether he could publish Cary and Twyning together, as was necessary if they were to have the same Introduction. So I bowed out, until a year or so ago when he unexpectedly wrote again asking if I could fix up Peter's Introduction; I replied O.K. if he would send it to me, but I have heard no more.

Would it be possible for you to get Cary and Twyning published, since I seem to have failed? I have photocopies of the text of both (also a copy of the 1928 Nantucket edition of Cary), and I have recently found another copy of Peter's Introduction; and I could send any of these to you should you consider it possible to publish it through the Museum.

If not do you think that you could move Glen Adams to finish the job, either using Peter's Introduction or one by yourself?

I was delighted to get a letter from Jane Roth saying that you had agreed to publish Baron von Hügel's journals on which she has spent so many hours of work over the years. I told her that she could not possibly do better as it is not a commercial proposition and the main interest in the book would come from those concerned with Fijian history.

I should be grateful if you could let me have a list of the Museum publications with their prices as I still keep adding to my library, now in the Special Collections Section of the Barr Smith Library at the University of Adelaide. Admittedly I have contemporary editions of the books which you mention but we like to have every edition published, and especially those emanating from the islands. I remember buying Wallis' Life in Fiji from an old lady in Salem, Mass., who asked \$2 for it and seemed astonished at my insisting on giving her \$5: even then I felt that I was cheating her.

In case you have not read Rhys Richards' article on 'The "Manilla Men" and Pacific Commerce' in Solidarity, No. 95 (1983) I have run off a copy which I enclose. I found it interesting on the beginnings of the American-Philippine trade connection, but few will have read it for not everyone has heard of Solidarity, which I take it is published in Manila.

Rhys Richards is a keen Pacific maritime historian in the Diplomatic Service of New Zealand and worked for three years recently in Hong Kong and Manila; his address is 75 Seaview Road, Paremata, Wellington, N.Z.

My wife and I have sold our house and settled down in a flat in the Mirinjani Retirement Village on the outskirts of Canberra, as befits aged persons in their 80s, or thereabouts, but it makes little difference to my present work on Gilbertese ethnohistory or hers on Oceanic string figures (currently working on Pukapuka).

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,





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14th March, 1985

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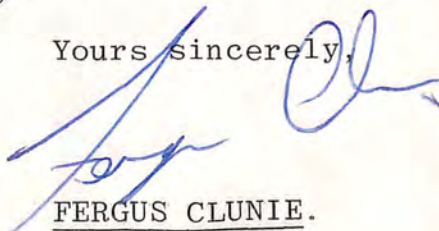
Dear Professor Maude,

Ron Crocombe of the University of the South Pacific has forwarded us copies of various of your off-prints, which we are very pleased to have for our library here.

We have become quite active publishers in recent years with, among other things, very popular reprints of such old-timers as both volumes of "Fiji & the Fijians", Mary Wallis' "Life in Feejee" and the curious "Cyclopedia of Fiji"! This year we will have out a reprint of Volume III of the US Exploring Expedition and one of "Jackson's Narrative" - have managed to track the last to his day of arrival in Fiji and apply an accurate calendar to his movements - he actually got here in mid 1841 so the whole "Narrative" is out of kilter. It seems that while your idea of a Pacific Classics Reprints Series never got off the ground, the islands themselves are now getting a lot of the old material back into print at very cheap prices. We find they sell very well too - they actually make us quite a bit of money which we use to print more and to stock our library!

I enclose a journal of ours with an article of mine which you may find interesting - I hope it hasn't too many holes in it. I think it explains the onset of the beachedemer trade here in the mid 1820s, with bumbling Captain Vanderford's would-be mutineers bringing the professionally outfitted Manila brig to the islands, unwittingly doing him a good financial turn. Curious stuff, anyway.

Yours sincerely,



FERGUS CLUNIE.

Enc.

Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, A.C.T.2611,
30th April, 1985.

Dear Sister Gwen Shaw,

Thank you for your letter which has reached us at our new home at Weston, for like you we have moved into a self-care unit in the Miringani Retirement Village in this Canberra suburb.

Being a married couple we have managed to get a very nice flat, with a large sitting/dining room and two bedrooms, one of which we have converted into a study for myself.

The village is run by the Uniting Church of Australia though it takes people from all religions without even asking what church one belongs to and there are services for both Catholics and Protestants - all very ecumenical.

The great feature of the place is its $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres of gardens, most of which is planted and kept in order by the residents; we have rather more garden than we want but hope to manage somehow.

If you have not read Margaret Clarence's book on the Solomons called 'Yield not to the Wind' let me know and I shall send you a copy as I think that it might interest you. It covers the early life of Charles and Kathleen Bignell between 1911 and 1945 and particularly their experiences during World War II.

I see that Margaret Clarence had to publish the book herself, which is too often the case in these hard times, and feel that she would be glad to help you with advice if you are still thinking of publishing your reminiscences. She lives at 3/18 Ramsay Street, Collaroy, N.S.W.2097 and her phone number is 98.7503.

We were delighted to hear that you are still hale and hearty and will certainly pay you a visit should we ever come to Sydney.

With our very best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Harry Bignell

From Sister Gwen Shaw,
Marist Villa,
95, Stanhope Road,
Lowdes Village,
Killare, Australia, N.S.W.

Dear Professor & Mrs Maude,

It may be that I have, unfortunately, not had a special reason to contact you, (showing my educational work has lessened with advancing years,) so, that section of my address book has not been much in use, unfortunately. I will not be far off the 'nineties' this coming year.

A year ago towards end of that year (53) we moved house, but only to keep pace with developments; as what had been planned as "Lowdes Village" had become reality and we - our hospital closed, but we had a place in developments, though not in work - , i.e. we were given a house site, a home.

We as 'Lowdes' have a very nice house & home, & are part of a complex, (but independent) of a House for lay

'Ladies & Gents' - married, widows, or single. About 29 in number. I think it may be that number by now. That House, & Ours, make an 'official pair', at present. One day when we end, it may become a 'two'. We have no official work. Both Houses are very convenient.

Our house is on ground floor level only. (as is theirs also) almost 2 // corridors, with a short one to join one end, and a similar one to join the 'entrance' end. Each corridor consists of a line of bedrooms, entered from the corridor, & opening out onto grass at the opposite window-end. So they are spacious & very convenient. We are very comfortable in both Houses. They 'serve' the same menus etc. Both Houses are very well run. Should you visit Sydney do include a call. If we know in time (by ~~9 a/m.~~ ^{morning}) we would like to offer you lunch (Ring up please. (old number))

Number (46.1217)

There is nothing else near for food except Lindfield ^{village}. At present the Hospital which will replace ~~the~~ former work has not been stated. It will not be the same size, but in much the same site. I hope you are still able to come, or have you moved?

Yours very sincerely
Sister Gwen Shaw, S.M.S.M



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Professor H.E. Maude,
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Dear Harry,

Many thanks for your letter of 23 April and for your comments on the Phosphateers jacket. If you only knew what had transpired to get it as far as that!

I quite understand your thoughts on the Pacific Conference. Barrie Macdonald will be going to Suva anyway and can probably give some time to promoting 'his' book, so we shall have some friends at court, even without your personal appearance!

So glad to know that you and Honor have settled in well in your new home. I promise to get in touch when I'm next in Canberra, though Heaven knows when that is likely to be.

My kindest regards to you both.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Sutherland.

Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, ACT 2611,
23rd April, 1985.

Dear Wendy,

Many thanks for sending me the designer's trial essay for the Phosphateers jacket. As I told Maslyn it is dignified and appropriate for such a weighty tome, but I was amused to find that the illustrations on the back seemed to be almost exclusively concerned with what are called today 'indigenous employees', whereas the text, or what I read of it, is not, nor were the Commissioners. Maybe it represents an eleventh hour change of heart on their part.

I have sent Maslyn a tentative list of persons, organizations and journals interested in Ocean Island or the Banabans who might be sent presentation copies with advantage: some to help sales and others to help secondary and tertiary island institutions.

Yes, I was going to give the opening address at the Pacific History Conference at the University of the South Pacific, but it was only in the hope of persuading the island staff and students that they should concentrate more on the traditional history of the island peoples, for which the island universities have unique advantages, instead of copying the metropolitan universities in their concentration on the doings of Europeans in the islands, which is what passes as Pacific history over here.

But then the university authorities in Australia and N.Z. decided that only those giving addresses were to get their fares and expenses paid. And as every tutor and research scholar belonging to the Pacific History Association naturally wanted a paid holiday in Fiji everybody cobbled together a paper; now they have 90 papers to get through in three days instead of the four or five invited addresses; and as a result they are having to arrange for up to four to be delivered simultaneously (not in the same room, I hope).

I was realistic enough to see that my islander student audience would not be listening to my words of wisdom but following the flock of young and nubile Australian girls to some paper being given by one of their peer group. So I included myself out and promised to come across and give my talk when I should not be competing with inter-cultural sex appeal and also have plenty of time afterwards for discussion on my theme. And now that we have sold our house we will have enough hoot to endow a scholarship in Suva on some aspect of island history; so we can discuss that too.

The move to Mirinjani went better than we could have hoped and I think that we are both happier here in our really lovely flat. My new study is a gem, thanks to Honor's practical gifts, with everything to hand; all warm and cozy. What we had not appreciated was that we had become slaves to a property and spent all day every day just keeping things going; now we feel free and can shut up the flat any day and go off to anywhere for as long as the spirit moves.

Again many thanks for the proof and be sure to look us up when next in Canberra in our new garden home (3½ acres of garden, they say); you never know if in a few decades you may want to move into a place like this yourself,

Yours ever,

Harry Byrnie



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4 April 1985

Mr H.E. Maude,
Unit 42,
Mirimjani,
11 Namatjira Drive,
WESTON, A.C.T. 2611

Dear Harry,

The Phosphateers

Enclosed is a rough 'manufactured' jacket from the designer's artwork, which we thought you might like to see. We understand from Maslyn that you are to deliver the opening address at a prestigious Pacific Conference, and we wondered whether you might like to include this in your baggage - and give us a little puff, of course!

Do hope that the move went as smoothly as those upheavals can, and that you are more or less settled in you new home.

Kindest regards to Honor and to yourself.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Sutherland.

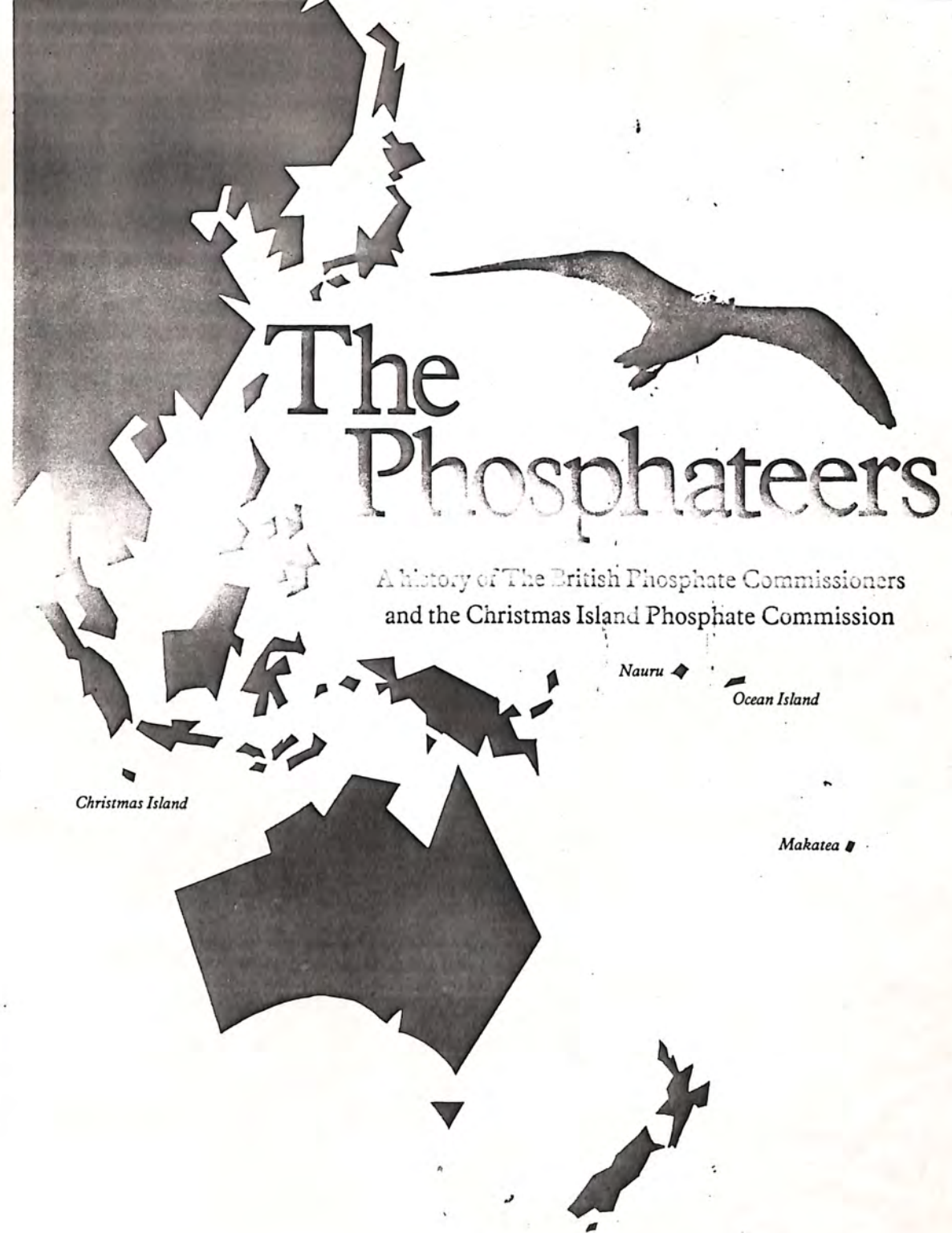


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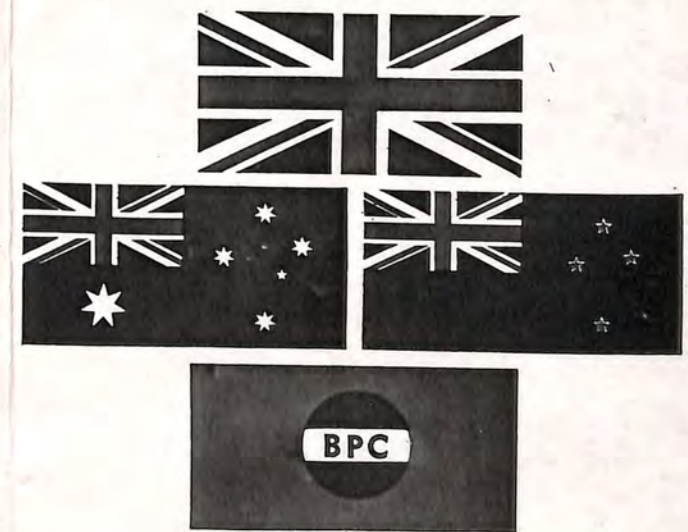
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MASLYN WILLIAMS
BARRIE MACDONALD

In view of the traditional reticence of the British Phosphate Commissioners, this comprehensive record of their activities over a period of sixty years comes as something of a surprise; not simply that it has been written, but that it discusses with a remarkably frank thoroughness matters which they have hitherto considered to be nobody's business but their own. And if—as a matter of classification—this book should be called an institutional history, the use of the term could be misleading because the authors have carefully woven their story into the much wider history of the times.

They deal with events and their effects in two world wars; the rise and decline of colonialism in the Pacific; the effects of increasing political and bureaucratic centralism; rapidly changing social attitudes and the growing influence of the union movement. They also examine the ambivalent and frequently divergent attitudes of the three governments behind the Commissioners' enterprise. Above all, the book is filled with a host of men and women, including many singular and interesting characters. Students of Pacific history, in particular, will be grateful that the Phosphate Commissioners have made this detailed account of their activities available, providing for the first time an authentic insight into the ramifications of a unique institution.



Maslyn Williams has been widely acclaimed as a writer both in Australia and overseas. His novels deal mainly with East Asia and the Pacific, and he has also written material for broadcasting and films.

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11 Namatjira Drive,
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Australia, 29.4.85.

Dear David,

It was indeed kind of you to send me that cordial letter of welcome to the Pacific History Conference. I had, however, decided against coming since the whole object was to deliver an address on purely indigenous island history in the hope that it might serve to encourage others to take an interest in the subject.

I had chosen a theme involving two island groups, Samoa and Kiribati, and a period before Magellan sighted the Pacific; and although the cast numbers nearly a hundred actors mentioned by name not one of them is a European.

So far as I know nobody has attempted an experimental paper of this genre before so I felt that it might interest an islander audience and provoke discussion and criticism, leading hopefully to a few scholars undertaking original research into what I usually term island history, for want of a more exact term.

It would be quite useless speaking to a European audience on such a subject for except for a dozen or so, mostly American, anthropologists they would not have the faintest idea what one was talking about. This is hardly surprising, for their training is in European and Australian documentary history.

In any case when I heard from Ron that you had some 90 papers to be read in three days and that three, or maybe four, papers would have to be delivered in each session (not in the same room, I hope) I realized that the Conference would be a hopeless occasion to attempt a proselytizing venture.

For one thing I should not have an audience, since the USP students would be where the Australian girls were, and the girls would be where one of their peer group was speaking on a more congenial topic. Even if some did turn up there would be no time for discussion and everything would be forgotten in the surfeit of oratory during the next few days.

So I decided to opt out and to give my talk some other day, should be considered worthwhile. To be truthful I feel rather like a skeleton of a bygone era at one of these feasts of youth, beauty and talent and would prefer to visit the USP at a less boisterous time.

I enclose a copy of the notes I made for preparing a preamble for the study I have in mind; it is of necessity very brief but perhaps if I had more time for delivery I would extend

it somewhat on parallel lines to your paper, which I have acknowledged as inspirational. To me it seems the most interesting breakthrough in our sub-discipline that I have read: for years I have felt that I was all alone in thinking that Pacific history must not stop with contact studies but should at least make an attempt to study island-oriented indigenous history.

But though colleagues listened to me politely no one showed the slightest interest in crossing the Rubicon. As one of them put it recently: 'I have a wife and kids to support; why should I risk losing my job by researching and writing history which no metropolitan university has the slightest interest in?'

I have realized for some time that if indigenous history is to be written it will be a task undertaken almost entirely by the islanders themselves, if only because it requires a linguistic knowledge which unfortunately European Pacific historians (unlike European African historians) are not required or willing to acquire. And now that I have read your paper I have every hope that some USP students will catch the virus from you and start working in the field.

As you put it so well: 'Pacific history must have as its central concern, as its main objective, the penetration of the past of the Pacific islanders, with the object of making that past accessible to the present'. We cannot aim at less.

That is why I suggested to Ron the possibility of my endowing a scholarship in 'local', 'island' or 'indigenous' history (we must agree on a name for it) at the USP. But now that one hears that the USP may become purely a University for Fiji perhaps the idea is inappropriate.

As to Jacqueline I have long forgotten her; but one could wish that in her own interests she is able to curb her habit of substituting sneering for constructive criticism, for it can spoil an otherwise good paper. There is not a sneer in anything written by the leaders in Pacific studies - Firth, Oliver, Spoehr, and the like - only in that of the 'also rans'.

Anyway my sincere congratulations on your very important and timely article, and my best wishes for the success of the Pacific History Conference. Let me know if I can ever be of help in furthering the wider view of Pacific history that we both have at heart.

Yours ever,

Harry Zande



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2 April 1985

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SUVA, FIJI.

Professor H E Maude
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Australia

David Patridge

I was absolutely delighted to learn that you really will come to the conference. I have a low enough opinion of Dr Leckie, poor little girl, as it is (I should always remember, though, that I appointed her); had she been responsible for turning you away, I should never have forgiven either her or myself.

I was very happy, too, that you found my paper sensible. Its thrust has formed the basis of my teaching of Pacific history since I have been at USP, and I think that we are beginning to get somewhere. I have a group of five student papers, collected over the years (two of them won Te Rangi Hiroa prizes) which I am in the business of publishing as the first in what I hope will be a series of student papers to emerge from the school. I am very pleased with the quality of these first ones. I hope also to have my book on the early history of Fiji out before the conference. Ron is publishing this in association with the Fiji Centre. I have been gathering together a collection of illustrations which will be interesting to look at, even if the text is not.

Ron said in his note that we can arrange the time you need to present your paper, and I confirm this. Many people, let us be clear, Professor Maude, will be more interested to hear what you have to say than they will be to hear most others.

My best wishes to you and to Honor (who I hope is coming with you to Suva).

Yours sincerely

David Patridge

Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, A.C.T.2611,
19th April, 1985.

Dear Maslyn,

Thank you for your letter which as usual I have not answered as Sir John Crawford always did: on the day of receipt. The removal from one abode to another has proved to be a protracted exercise during the course of which most things seem to have contrived to get lost and are only now beginning to disclose their whereabouts.

But the great thing is that we both find ourselves free again. A heady experience which we had not calculated on, for we had not realized how we had become the slaves to a house and garden which took all our time just to keep in reasonable order. From now on the ordering of our days and weeks will depend in our decision and not that of our property.

I should of course be delighted to receive a copy of The Phosphateers and will undertake to read every word of it at least once. But I see no reason why I should not buy it (if it is to be on sale) and must insist on defraying costs unless you promise that they are to be met by the B.P.C. and that they, poor indigents, can afford such largesse.

Wendy has sent one of the designer's essays for the jacket, which seems dignified and appropriate for such a weighty tome, apart from the fact that the illustrations on the back seem to be almost exclusively concerned with what one may term 'indigenous' employees whereas the text, from my recollection, is not. Or perhaps the Commissioners felt that this uncharacteristic partiality for coloured people had better be affected late than never.

People whom I know would appreciate and read copies, if the Commissioners are feeling in a generous mood, are:-

- (1) P.D. Macdonald, Esq, C.M.G., C.V.O.,
Flat No.34, St. Margarets,
London Road, Guilford, Surrey GU1 1TJ,
England.

Paddy was for years District Officer, Ocean Island, and more concerned with the BPC and Banabans than I was.

- (2) Mrs Rosemary Seligman,
9 Malcolm Road, Wimbledon,
London SW19 4AS, England.

Rosemary is Grimble's daughter and takes a great interest in Ocean Island, as does her son who lives with her and hopes to visit Kiribati in a year or two. You may remember her book Migrations, Myths and Medicines from the Gilbert Islands with the delight

book Migrations, Myth and Magic from the Gilbert Islands with her delightful illustrations. She is at present studying alchemy, of all subjects.

- (3) Mr Philip A. Snow, M.B.E., M.A., J.P.,
Gables, Station Road,
Angmering, Sussex, England.

This is a border case but Philip (the late Lord Snow's brother) does most of the island reviews for The Times Literary Supplement and might well give your work a good write-up if he received a personal copy. You may remember the delicious review he wrote of Pearl Binder's Treasure Island in which he said that 'her facts wobble'. He is ex-Fiji administrative service (and better be called Esq, being English).

- (4) John Smith, Esq., C.B.E.,
Secretary, Imperial College of Science and
Technology,
University of London.

He was the former Governor of the G.E.I.C. and took such a close interest in the Banaban question. One of the few ex-C.O. administrators who is still involved in island affairs he is President of the newly-formed (1981) Pacific Islands Society of the United Kingdom and Ireland (PISUKI).

Organizations who might well be sent copies of the great work are:-

- (1) The National Library and Archives, P.O. Box 6, Bairiki Tarawa, Kiribati.
- (2) The Director, Kiribati Extension Centre, University of the South Pacific, Tarawa, Kiribati.
- (3) The Principal, Tangitebu Theological College, Tarawa, Kiribati.
- (4) The Director, Catholic Education, Teauraireke, Tarawa, Kiribati.
- (5) The Librarian, Teachers College, Tarawa, Kiribati.
- (6) The Principal, King George V School, Bikenibeu, Tarawa, Kiribati.
- (7) The Librarian, Tuvalu Public Library, Funafuti, Tuvalu.
- (8) The Librarian, University of the South Pacific, P.O. Box 1168, Suva, Fiji.
- (9) The Principal, Pacific Theological College, P.O. Box 388, Suva, Fiji.

I could give you more but these are the principal libraries at a State, High School or University level. You will already know the metropolitan Pacific Islands research libraries: The Mitchell; Menzies (A.N.U.); Pacific Islands Library, University

of Adelaide; Turnbull; University of Guam; South Pacific Commission; and University of Hawaii.

Journals and periodicals who should be sent review copies are:-

- (1) The Journal of Pacific History, Australian National University, G.P.O. Box 4, Canberra, A.C.T. 2611.
- (2) The Pacific Islands Monthly, G.P.O. Box 3408, Sydney, N.S.W. 2001.
- (3) The Journal of the Polynesian Society, Anthropology Department, University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland, New Zealand.
- (4) Islands Business, 24 Des Voeux Road, Suva, Fiji.
- (5) Pacific Perspective, Institute of Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific, P.O. Box 1168, Suva, Fiji.
- (6) The Journal of Pacific Studies, School of Social and Economic Development, University of the South Pacific, P.O. Box 1168, Suva, Fiji.
- (7) Pacific Studies, The Institute for Polynesian Studies, Brigham Young University - Hawaii Campus, Laie, Hawaii.
- (8) Bulletin de la Société des Etudes Océaniques, Society des Etudes Océaniques, Papeete, Tahiti.
- (9) Journal de la Société des Océanistes, Musée de l'Homme, 75116 Paris, France.
- (10) Miss M.-H. Sacht, Atoll Research Bulletin, The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

I suggest that it would be a gracious gesture if copies were also sent to the Rambi Island Council (for the island library) and to Mr Tebuke Rotan, both addresses being Rambi Island, Fiji, but the Commissioners may not consider this to be a good idea.

Hoping all this rigmarole may be of some use; and don't hesitate to let me know if I can be of any further help,

Yours ever,

Harry

Sorry about the messy typing; I am about to get a word Processor, which will probably make confusion worse confounded. Sacht at (10) (really Mlle as she is French) is probably a Dr; though I know her well I've never asked her.

Maslyn Williams

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30th March, 1985.

Dear Harry,

I am making up a list of people upon whom to foist copies of the phosphate history, and although you have shown me nothing but kindness and unfailing courtesy I am getting quite desperate, trying to think of people who might be prevailed upon to read at least a bit of it.

Could you, then, be persuaded to let me know what address will find you in, perhaps, July/August by which time the thing will be available for distribution.

It will weigh a kilo or two and if the worst comes to the worst Honor might be able to use it as a pot-stand.

I am also wondering how or where to find a list of journals or periodicals (published anywhere) that ought to be informed of the impending availability of the work. Are you able to suggest a direction in which to search for such information?

Meanwhile I am wondering if I sent you a note of my change of address, and whether or not your own move has been completed.

Best wishes,

Maslyn

P.S. Do you think that Oscar Spate might be prevailed upon to accept a copy of the phosphate book?

Unit 42, 'Miringani',
11 Namatjira Drive,
Weston, ACT 2611,
Australia,
17 April, 1985.

Dr Whitney Smith,
The Flag Research Center,
3 Edgehill Road,
WINCHESTER, Mass. 01890,
U. S. A.

Dear Dr Whitney Smith,

I am sorry not to have replied before to your last letter but my wife's recent illness and our removal to a Retirement Village has caused my correspondence to get into arrears.

I shall send you any material I can find on the subject of Pacific Islands flags when I can get straightened out and the existing arrears caused by recent events polished off; should I die before I can get down to this work all my correspondence and manuscript material will be housed in the archives of the University of Adelaide and you can get the notes and references on flags copied by them (it would cost very little, if anything).

Sections A to G of this documentary material, but not the research files, has been sorted, indexed and sent to the archives and the University already has my collection of published items on the Pacific Islands, now amounting to some 10,000 separates, where they form the Pacific Islands collection in the Special Collections Section of the Barr Smith Library. You need not worry about anything being lost for I have a horror of any scrap of knowledge of possible use to posterity not being preserved and made available to researchers. That is why I founded the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau and co-founded the Journal of Pacific History.

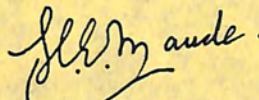
I cannot say what the particular species of shark was on the Abemama flag, not knowing which shark (if any) had three rows of teeth. The generic name for shark was 'te bakoa' and Sabatier in his dictionary gives 21 names for particular species, but he does not describe any as being black or having any particular dental set-up.

The MS genealogy of the Abemama royal family calls their ancestral shark 'te Bakoaua' which merely means the Royal Shark; I doubt if anyone would know the particular species today.

Many thanks for the copies of The Flag Bulletin. I have read several of the articles and notes with great interest and was very impressed with the professionalism and degree of expertise shown by you and your contributors. I take it that you chose the issues with items relating to the Pacific Islands for they seem to be more than adequately treated.

Re the article on the Kiribati flag in vol. XVIII, no.4, I could let you have a note on how the shield in the coat of arms came to be designed as I have a copy of a letter to me from Arthur Grimble (later Sir Arthur) enclosing his effort in colour. The original letter I presented to the Republic during the course of the independence celebrations.

Yours sincerely,


H.E. Maude.



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10 July 1984

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Dear Prof. Maude:

Thank you for your letter of 3 June; I was very glad to hear from you again. The book you mention by Patrick O'Reilly is already in our collection as well as the original articles from the journal published in Papeete on which it was based.

I can completely understand your desire to finish important works towards which you have devoted your life. Similarly, I have in mind a number of volumes in addition to the seventeen I have already had published which I am determined to see written before I turn my attention to other matters. In this regard, I appreciate your taking time out to write as you did because I imagine your correspondence is as voluminous as my own.

At the same time it is clear from the work that you have done that the references you have turned up on flags of the Pacific Islands will not be casual or uninteresting and I am all the more eager to see that material. Knowing well the difficulties of getting to secondary projects of this kind in my own work, I wonder if there is any way possible for us to share in the benefit of your researches prior to your writing and publication of something substantial on the subject of Pacific Island flags? We would, for example, be quite agreeable to any kind of restriction you might want to place on publication or citation of material, if you were in a position to make photocopies for us of that material for our permanent reference files. In this way, ultimately, the documentation would be part of the world's largest collection of documentation on flags and state heraldry and eventually available to scholars throughout the world -- regardless of what you might or might not be able to do in making a book or series of articles on the subject. We would be quite willing to pay for expenses that might be involved in the photocopying and I do hope you will give this question careful consideration.

My article on the flags of Abemama will not be published for another year at least but I will make sure that you get a copy at the time. I am having some difficulty in getting advice on the type of shark which might have been chosen by the Stevensons for the flag of Tem Binoka, which I would like to know in order to have an artist make a reconstruction of the flag design. We know that there was



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a shark living in the area of the Gilbert Islands in the late 19th century, that it had three rows of teeth, and that (if it resembled the one on the flag) it was black in color. Your suggestions would be welcome!

As a token of my appreciation for your help, I have gathered together one copy each of all available issues of THE FLAG BULLETIN in which there is an article on Pacific Island flags -- most of them in our "New Flags" column. These include our articles on Kiribati and Tuvalu which will be of special interest for you. I have sent these under separate cover by surface mail and hope they may be of some small interest for you.

Sincerely yours,


Whitney Smith, Ph.D.

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Australia, 14.4.85.

Geoffrey White,
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HONOLULU, Hawaii 96848.

Dear Dr White,

The Southwest Pacific is outside my research area but I have a few typescripts of the kind indicated in your letter of 1 February relating to Ocean Island and Nauru. These are listed below in case they are of interest:-

- (1) Report on Japanese occupation of Ocean Island, by Bauro Ratieta. TS. 4 pp. Jan. 1944.
- (2) Interrogation of Morning Star, 21 January, 1945. TS. 1p. (On Japanese occupation of Ocean Island).
- (3) Interrogation of Nabetari. TS. 2pp. C. March 1945. (Nabetari escaped from Ocean Island by canoe on 4 April 1944).
- (4) Interrogation of Kabunare. TS. 4 pp. Dec. 1945. (Kabunare was the sole survivor of the Gilbertese kept on Ocean Island as fishermen).
- (5) The War Diary of J. Patrick Cook. TS. 24 pp. (On Japanese occupation of Nauru; it seems from the text that Cook was a part-Nauruan).

I have also the papers of the Japanese District Officer, Ocean Island, which I took from his desk on the day Kabunare came out of hiding. These are for the most part in Japanese, with the District Regulations to be observed by the Banabans and Gilbertese in English or Gilbertese. The Regulations follow in numbering and format those issued by the last British District Officer, C.G.F. Cartwright.

There are plenty of songs about the war to be heard in the Gilberts and on Rambi but so far as I know none have been collected.

Yours sincerely,


H.E. Maude.



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February 1, 1985

Dear Colleague:

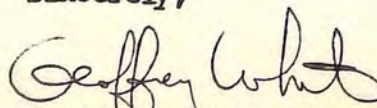
We are writing to solicit your assistance with a research project on Pacific Islanders' recollections of World War II, being done jointly by the East-West Center and cooperating individuals and organizations. The project aims to encourage local efforts at recording and publishing island accounts of the War, with particular emphasis on relations between Islanders and Europeans during that period. Our initial focus is on the Southwest Pacific, and a workshop on the oral history of the War in that region is planned for 1986, to take place in Honiara in conjunction with the Solomon Islands Museum and the USP Center, Honiara. However, we are interested to learn of related work in other parts of the Pacific and expect future activities to take a broader scope.

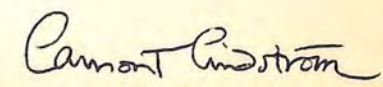
We recently met with Hugh Laracy (University of Auckland), and John Waiko (University of Papua New Guinea) to begin planning project objectives. One of these is an inventory of unpublished materials pertaining to relations between Islanders and Westerners or Japanese during World War II. Toward this end, we would appreciate any information you may be able to provide about the nature and extent of your holdings on this topic (whether handwritten documents, photographs, tapes, etc.). If you are aware of a few items of particular interest, details such as author (source), date, length, and a brief description of content would be especially useful. We are happy to reimburse for any expenses of photocopying or mailing, and will provide a copy of the entire inventory to all contributors when completed.

We are also beginning work on a collection of Pacific Island songs about World War II which we intend to publish with brief commentary. If you know of such songs, or of people who might be interested in providing them, we would very much like to receive copies of their texts. A checklist of questions, and an example song from the Solomons are enclosed as an indication of the kind of supporting information we would, ideally, like to have. However, we would be interested in the lyrics of any relevant song, in any language, even without additional documentation.

Thank you in advance for any information or suggestions you may wish to provide and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Geoffrey White, Ph.D.
Research Associate


Lamont Lindstrom, Ph.D.
Research Fellow

INFORMATION CHECKLIST FOR WORLD WAR II SONGS.

A. ORIGIN AND COMPOSITION:

- 1) Composed by?
- 2) Place Village:
Island:
Country:
- 3) Approximate Date:
- 4) Language:

B. STYLE/PERFORMANCE:

- 5) What is the style of the song (eg Traditional, String Band; etc.)?
- 6) Performed by (Age, Sex, Numbers of Singers):
- 7) Instrumental Accompaniment (If Any):
- 8) Occasion(s) of Singing (Time, Place, Purpose):
- 9) Is the song still being sung today?

C. RECORDING/COLLECTION:

- 10) Recorded by:
- 11) Translated by (If different):
- 12) Place:
- 13) Date:

D. CONTENT:

- 14) What is the song about?
- 15) What else needs to be known to understand the song's meaning (eg People or places referred to; uses of metaphores or other figurative language, etc.)?

East-West Center
January 1985

WORLD WAR II SONG: SANTA ISABEL, SOLOMON ISLANDS

This song was recorded and translated by Geoffrey White. About eight men and women from the village of Kubolota in the Maringe area of Santa Isabel, Solomon Islands gathered in the house of the composer on July 1, 1984 for recording. The song had been written down for the occasion and was sung in the Maringe language, also known as cheke holo ('bush language'). One of the principal figures in the song, Mr. Nathaniel (Aleli) Hebala was also present.

The song was composed at the outset of World War II, probably sometime in 1942, by Levy Rojumana. Levy was born in 1912 and is now a respected elder in his village. He composed this song as a remembrance of the initial contact between the Maringe people and the Japanese, and of their subsequent flight into the bush. The British authorities had informed local leaders that the Americans and Japanese would soon be at war in the Solomons. So, when two warships steamed into the Maringe lagoon, people knew that one of the two forces had arrived, but weren't sure which one. The song chronicles the action of two men, Aleli and Belo, who paddled a canoe out to the ships at anchor and, finding themselves "among the guns and swords" of the Japanese, returned to alert those on shore to flee into the forest. The remainder of the song tells of the flight to specific locations in the remote interior, formerly the sight of pre-Christian settlements. It ends by referring to the attitude of uncertainty and fear which characterized the War era.

The song is composed in the format typical of the genre of Maringe songs referred to as thautaru. Thautaru are usually sung on ceremonial occasions by a chorus of men and women as a way of honoring someone or paying homage to deceased ancestors. They frequently take a nostalgic tone in remembering past events which make up the shared experience of the group. In addition to its musical form, the content of the song's lyrics resembles typical thautaru themes. Specifically, thautaru songs often review migration history, referring to places where people once lived, as a sign of common bonds of kinship and residence. The reference of the last stanza to "fathers and mothers, children and grandchildren..." is typical of the standard refrain for thautaru songs, indicating the context for performance among kin relations. In these ways, a familiar pattern for remembering local events is used to make sense of the extraordinary events of th War.

SONG TEXT

La ghagra napasa ia
La phage naprai ia
Ao narane teku ni ia

Dawn is breaking
The sun is rising
Here is the (expected) day

Fanohmo neu nu
Nguru me ku'e nodi
Phia vaka magra ra

(We) were listening when
Came rumbling and whining
Those two warships

Mei me sobo soru
Ka theiseni kabani
Moumolu i Fera

Came and dropped anchor
At the company station
On Fera Island

Ghaoghatho me toke
Ghu la mama Aleli
Ghu la mama Belo

Then formed a plan
Did "father" Aleli
Did "father" Belo

Pala soru nodi ni
U kheda gluhu fati
Ghohra me elo raru

They carried down
The four-section canoe
And paddled gliding seaward

Raru me sobo haghe
Fari hotei khukuro
Fari hotei naisi

Then anchored up off shore
Among the (Japanese) guns
Among the (Japanese) swords

Filo glani nodi ni
Letasi ririhi
U cheke kignikogno

They recognized the
Rectangular (Japanese) writing
The accented talk

Japan sia thuguro
Rikha mata thuguro
Suga holo thuguro

It's Japan, my children
Run away to the bush, my children
House (in the) hills, my children

Rikha nogna kehana
Papa sua keha na
Viri vagi keha na

One ran away
Another carried a child
Another packed belongings

Na heva ari tatilo gne?
Fafatha Gorogofa
Kokodou, Pirikakau

Where will we all go?
Cross (the hills to) Gorogofa
(To) Kokodou, Pirikakau

Na heva tatilo gne?
Kuboro, Tafrakhana
Grurukupi, Sopasare

Where will we all (go)?
(To) Kuboro, Tafrakhana
(To) Grurukupi, Sopasare

Na heva tatilo gne?
Kakake, Voreghita
Gogono, Korikoso

Where will we all (go)?
(To) Kakake, Voreghita
(To) Gogono, Korikoso

Rikha koko nomi di
U sikolu boe ra
Funei di u ticha ra

We ran away from
The boys school
Their leaders and teachers

Ao me mala danga
Mala dodokho danga
Lehe ba keliu ngala
Kahra ba keliu ngala

This in order for peace
To walk around in peace
No matter if (we) die
No matter if (we) live

Mama re ba ido re
Thuguro ba graguro
Vave re ba nahngoguro

Fathers or mothers
My children or grandchildren
My wife's brothers or mother

9, Malcolm Rd.,
Wimbledon, S.W. 19.
29th March 1955.

Dear Professor Shand,

Thank you for your good and timely advice. I now see that I was barking up the wrong tree and that the idea of doing original anthropological research really isn't on. More than that, it might actually be restricting, in that it might make me look for the wrong things. Finally, I think that the Gilbertese themselves would be expecting something along the lines of what you suggested from me; I spoke to Ata Teatai, head of the Civil Service, when he was in London recently and he seemed to think a book that put them more on the map for a general reading public would be what the I. Kinibati would welcome.

Nevertheless, the source materials you mention will be most useful. I'd like to meet Barrie Macdonald some time. He said some awful things about my grandfather, but is apparently a very nice chap. Thank you so much for your help. I hope you enjoy Fiji.

Best wishes,
Yrs sincerely,
Simon Seligman.

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11 Namatgira Drive, Weston,
ACT 2611, Australia,
23rd March, 1985.

Dear Simon Seligman,

I am sorry not to have replied before to your letter of 2 February. Unfortunately it arrived at a time when my wife had undergone a spinal operation and I was perforce acting as nurse, cook, shopper, housekeeper and general factotum.

We had been about to move into a Retirement Village but were only able to complete the operation by the end of last week, and today, for the first time in months, I am able to sit down and tackle my arrears of correspondence.

I was most interested to hear that you propose to visit Kiribati with a view to writing a book on the islands: a most creditable ambition and I wish you all success.

I am a bit nonplussed, however, at your initial statement that you hope to acquire a literary reputation, and possibly some money, and the desire you express later to study and write about magic, for the two aims appear rather contradictory.

To do any serious work intended for publication in any of the social sciences you need first to be academically accredited, and this means approved as a doctoral candidate by a university (normally, at least in the U.S. or here, after obtaining a good honours degree and an MA thesis on some related theme). The day of the gifted amateur is over, but you need not have actually obtained your doctorate provided your research is part of your doctoral thesis, or a by-product.

This of course does not apply to the science fiction treatment of magic, such as I imagine the Casteneda you mention indulges in, for the bizarre is always commercially viable; but to write this one needs not so much facts, which can be hampering, as a fertile imagination, and the book would hopefully be a literary success, though of no scientific value.

But in my view what your readers would value from you would be a 'half-century after' approach to Grimble's two popular works. In other words Grimble wrote about the Gilberts of the 1920s and 30s while your book would be the story of his grandson returning to the locale of his literary triumphs and recording how it differs today from the atoll world of his time.

Sir Arthur was, of course, a literary genius - one of the best ten writers on Oceania - and you would be lucky indeed if you inherited his gifts. But even if you fall short of his near perfection no matter for many thousands who remember his books and broadcasts will be anxious to read how his grandson revisited the places he wrote about and met the descendants of the people he wrote about, and avid to to learn what traces he found of the old romantic island world and the happy and lovable Gilbertese he portrayed despite the onset of social, political and economic changes which he never envisaged. Such a book, if well written in a light literary style without using academic jargon would bring you both a reputation and put your bank balance reasonably in the black.

Now to deal with your specific queries. For works relating to magic in Oceania see, C.R.H. Taylor, A Pacific Bibliography, 2nd edition, Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1965, pp.47-51. There are few modern studies, as anthropologists today are more interested in practical problems arising from culture contact, and it is no use my asking colleagues about books on magic as they have no expertise on or concern with the subject. You might consult the librarian at the Royal Anthropological Institute in London as the British are reputed to be still concerned with such arcane topics; certainly the French are. I have several recent works by the Sandwiths which might interest you, but they fall into the category of your Casteneda friend. Don't forget Grimble in the Wide World Magazine for 1940, pp.119-27, and R.G. Roberts in the Journal of the Polynesian Society for 1954, pp.17-26.

I know nothing about Grimble's alleged membership of the Karongoa boti, and cannot see how he could have been one unless he had been adopted by a boti member as a nati or tibu, which would have surely been well-known throughout the Gilberts. See my monograph on The Evolution of the Gilbertese Boti for further details on this matter. One has to remember that there were two Grimbles: one the careful recorder of ethnography and the other the popular writer who certainly would not let a good story be spoilt by a strict adherence to factual accuracy.

You ask about the social scientists who specialize on Kiribati today. They are (with their universities and the subjects or islands on which they mainly write):-

- (1) Bernd Lambert (Cornell): Butaritari and Makin.
- (2) Henry Lundsgaarde (Houston): Southern Gilberts.
- (3) Kenneth Knudson (Guam): culture change, urbanization and migration.
- (4) Jean Paul Latouche (Paris): Abemama, Nikunau & Beru; oral tradition.
- (5) Martin Silverman (Victoria): Banabans on Rambi & Ocean Island.

- (6) Gordon Groves (Hawaii): Linguistics.
- (7) W.H. Geddes (Geelong): Tabiteuea.
- (8) Roger Lawrence (Wellington): Tamana.
- (9) H.E. Maude (ANU & Adelaide): Ethnohistory.
- (10) Barrie Macdonald (Massey): History.
- (11) Gerd Koch (Berlin): Material culture.

All are Professors, or at least Ph.Ds, and I have given only those who have done fieldwork and published material on Kiribati, and have an on-going commitment to the Gilbertese. All but, I think, (4), (10) and (11) would be members of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania. I have recently been an examiner for E.J. Hockings' brilliant doctoral thesis on Gilbertese architecture and Sandra Rennie's thesis on ABCFM mission history but I fear that both will be seduced by the material rewards of employment outside research so have not included either.

I see that I have not answered your query on the problems arising from researching magic in an acculturated society. One is that you are unlikely to see any magic rites but must be content to hear about them from old people who may or may not have practiced them. Even though some spells and incantations are still in use they are unlikely to be accurate renditions; for you are studying magic in decay.

On the other hand you would still need to gain a good command of the Gilbertese language before embarking on any in-depth research: those who speak English are likely to know little or nothing of any reliability, and working through an interpreter is apt to result in notebooks filled with worthless information.

The Gilbertese are adept at pulling the legs of expatriate investigators, though if an investigator lives with them in the villages for some months they usually come to like and trust him and will then be willing to divulge all they know, which is likely to be little enough - for after all it is now 1985 and you would be talking to the grandchildren or great-grandchildren of those who knew Grimble.

As regards European missionaries they need cause you no concern for there are no European Protestant missionaries left and the Catholic Bishop is a Gilbertese (and a very fine person indeed). Other Europeans you might meet are likely to be married to Gilbertese and would not care if you had 'gone native' or not. Again I should stress that it is 1985 and not 1925: the European is no longer on a pedestal, but stands in queues like everyone else. The Republic is in the hands of Gilbertese now, many of them university graduates, and any Europeans, for instance in the Diplomatic Corps, are essentially transients.

The urban conurbation of South Tarawa is, however, very different from the outer islands, and you will learn little there except to drink and fight, and go on strike when your Trades Union dictates. But the local hotel is air-conditioned and very good, the buses run more or less to time and the taxi service is owned by one of our old house-girls. Also the stream of girls on Japanese motor cycles is a joy to watch, dressed in their colourful tibutas and riris.

Your mother will be interested to learn that her nurse Batiavea's home at Bikenibeu, where I used to visit her, is now the site of a supermarket just up the road from the Otintai Hotel, where you can buy what you want without having to go down to the shopping and banking centres at Bairiki and Betio. But the Bank of Kiribati at Bairiki is worth seeing if only to watch the skill of the lovely Gilbertese girl tellers, who can cash your Travellers Cheques in any currency in a twinkling of an eye; and the Central Library across the square has an excellent stock of books on the Gilberts.

For background information you should read:-

- (1) Sabatier, Ernest, Astride the Equator, Melbourne, Oxford University Press, 1977, which has a good bibliography;
- (2) Talu, Alaima, et al, Kiribati: Aspects of History, Suva, Institute of Pacific Studies and Extension Services, University of the South Pacific, and Tarawa, Ministry of Education, Training and Culture, Kiribati Government, 1979. Written by 25 Gilbertese.
- (3) Iuta, Taomati, et al, Politics in Kiribati, Tarawa, Kiribati Extension Centre, and Suva, Institute of Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific, 1980.
- (4) Macdonald, Barrie, Cinderellas of the Empire: Towards a History of Kiribati and Tuvalu, Canberra, Australian National University Press, 1982, which also has a good bibliography.

But don't stay at Tarawa too long for there is a good air service to all islands, and in a few minutes you will be breathing a different, purer air.

Please give your mother my best regards and also the attached synopsis of the Grimble Book. It was accepted with enthusiasm by the ANU Press last year, but unfortunately they promptly went broke (friends were quick to point out the workings of cause and effect). The Pergamon Press took over their assets and liabilities but although they expressed their anxiety to continue with the publication I have not heard from them since they put it out to their senior reader and have no expectation of anything further eventuating, except possibly in a revised commercial format which would be quite unsuitable.

So I expect that I shall eventually hand it over to the University of the South Pacific in Suva to publish, for it was arranged and edited to preserve material which will be of vital interest to future generations of I-Kiribati but which is of no interest to Europeans, apart from a handful of specialists.

Meanwhile I go to Fiji myself soon to deliver the opening address at the Pacific History Conference (the first to be held in the islands).

With best wishes for the success of your project,

Yours sincerely,

Harry Myrland

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2nd FEB. 1985

Dear Professor Praude,

I am the grandson of Arthur Grimble, with whom you served in the Gilbert Islands, as they then were. I believe you corresponded with my mother when she was editing A.G.'s papers in 'Migrations, Myths and Magic' about ten years ago. My name is Simon Seligman.

It is my intention to go to Kiribati and to write a book — a sort of update, if you like, of 'A Pattern of Islands' (though I would not attempt to imitate or emulate my grandfather's work even if I were able to do so) — that may give me a small literary reputation or even make me a little money; which at all events will be enjoyable to do, whether these goals are achieved or not.

∴ Reading my grandfather's two books, it seemed that he took a keen though sceptical interest in the Gilbertese practice of magic, 'te tabunea'. Researching this subject in the library of the Museum of Man'kind I found that there was very little material on ~~it~~ ^{it} apart from his and Father Sabatier's few paragraphs, interesting and informative though those were. In fact Micronesian magic as a whole (if there is such a category) seems to be wholly undocumented, at least in this country, and I cannot find any anthropologists who have actually done field-work in the area. It seems to have all been done by Australians.

Therefore I am approaching you to see if you can recommend any works, be they never so general, that might have bearing on magic as now practised in Kiribati.

I may say that my total acquaintance with anthropology extends to a single work, namely "Essai sur le Don" by Marcel Mauss (though he names Frazer, Levi-Strauss and Malinowski also

Status was purely honorary and would not automatically be passed on. What do you think? Should I be circumspect or forthright in my approach? I do not want to offend any of the terrifying missionaries that A.G. wrote about, and one also hears stories of the funny reactions of British expatriates (in particular) to one of their number 'going native' although this is more in an African or Indian context. Does this also apply to the Pacific?

At all events, the study of magic in the 1980's must be a very different affair altogether from the 1930's and in this connection I wonder if the extra-

ordinary works of Carlos Castaneda are commonly thought to be of use to the student of anthropology? Indeed, they are said by many to be wholly the products of their author's imagination, but if you are familiar with them you may discern the drift my plans are taking, particularly if I tell you that Señor Castaneda is now a millionaire many times over from the proceeds. A dishonourable thought perhaps, but one that compounds my eagerness to get to work.

I am sorry to burden you with such a large request; if you feel unable or disinclined to answer it, I shall not be in the slightest bit offended if you give it to a colleague with more time, though a reading list would be most useful and greatly appreciated. Yrs sincerely
Simon Seligman

mean something to me) read in connection with a First Degree in Ancient History.

I dare say as regards current thinking that the afore-mentioned trio are ^{now} sadly out of date: what would you recommend further as theoretical works on the understanding of magic as a phenomenon of so-called 'primitive' societies? What are the ^{prevailing} present trends anthropological of opinion?

Lastly, it seems evident that when Malinowski studied his Trobriand Islanders and Fortune his Sorcerers of Dobu they were dealing with societies where magic was an openly avowed part of life, and traditional patterns were, at least compared with today, relatively unchanged. This can no longer be true of any area that has been westernised or christianised - virtually the whole world. What are the peculiar problems that confront the investigator in this situation? Are there tried and tested methods by which the reticence of possible informants is surmounted? I thought it possible that my grandfather's membership of the Karongoa, Sun, clan, might devolve on me as his descendant making me ipso facto eligible to receive such information, but my mother says that his

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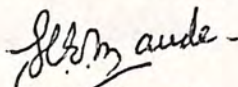
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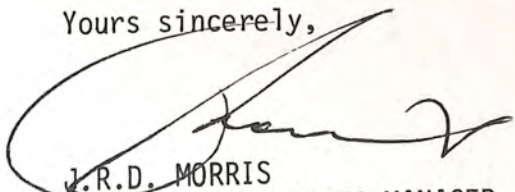
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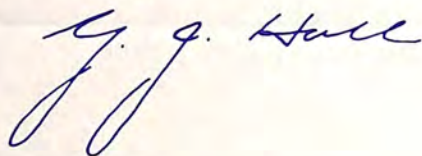
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Department of Pacific & SE Asian History,
27 February 1985.

Dear Harry,

I'm sorry not to have replied to your letter before this - we have been away on holiday for two weeks, and only returned during last weekend, feeling a lot fresher. Colin and Neal are preparing to face the fray next week, from different positions, however; oppressor and oppressed, perhaps? Neal hopes to get into Bruce Hall, which will make a difference to his - and our - life.

Many thanks for sending the glossary of maritime terms and the reference to Farr's book. Actually, many years ago I obtained both - from you, I am sure - and they are still in my files. But I am inspired to look again at the Records of Bristol ships, which I seem to remember was in a library in Canberra - the National, perhaps - to refresh my memory about the Pacific whaling references. Thank you also for letting me see the letter from Michener which is revealing and I thought rather touching: a sort of innocent abroad feeling about it. How sad that he had become high and mighty by the seventies - ruined by success, perhaps.

Thank you for bringing Jacqueline Leckie's article in the Journal of Pacific Studies to my attention. I rarely look at that journal since giving up the JPH bibliography - I'm afraid I used to find it rather boring and earnest and often not very scholarly, or so I thought. I must say I found it much better written than Ron's, and, though her comments on the 'Canberra school' don't strike a chord of sympathy in me at all, I thought she gave a worthwhile overview of Pacific historical writing. Interestingly enough, the present Professor of Pacific History didn't rate a mention (at the ANU, I mean). Gavan has succeeded in distancing himself from the narrower confines of 'Pacific' history, though whether this is a good thing is another matter. She also didn't mention Papua New Guinea, which I consider to be part of the South Pacific. Perhaps reasons of space dictated the exclusion. Ron's article was truly Ron-like, very provocative, made more so by his staccato style of writing. And naturally some people don't like reading statements like 'some of the most boring history comes from historians with all the formal "requirements"! We all know who he means - or, rather, everyone has his/her ideas about the historians referred to.

Thanks too for the stuff on Gavilan and Osborne. I'd heard that Osborne was not a good bet, but the Gavilan story was new to me: no doubt Gavan knows about it. He had certainly sent inquiries about other portable computers he had heard about in the US. It's certainly a risky business, and it seems one would be wise to stick to the giants like IBM, Hewlett-Packard and Olivetti (I think H-P is a giant, but come to think of it, I don't really know).

What did you decide on finally ? I had a letter from my sister in California today : she and her husband have moved there recently from Chicago, and the Californian university provided them with an IBM computer/ word processor 'package' (as is the American way). Anyway Barbara writes that she tried to learn to use the word processor while writing a paper recently, but, as she says, 'it was a big mistake'. I know it takes time, and maybe she will persevere. But there are problems to overcome, obviously. Personally I'd be very happy with a electric typewriter with a corrector, like this one I'm using, which unfortunately I lose when Gavan comes back.

I have had good news from the Kendall Whaling Museum about The South Sea Whaler, and should have proofs by late March. Words like 'elegant' and 'very pretty' have been used about its appearance - or hoped for appearance , I should say -so it will be interesting to see what does turn up. The Director's foreword which arrived for me to see yesterday has nice things to say about the contents, as well as interesting things to say about whaling in the Pacific, so I'm looking forward to its final appearance, maybe around September/October. By the way, I have found some very useful material in your file, which, as you requested, I'll hang on to until after your move. I hope that is going according to plan. Don't hesitate to ask for our help : sorry we don't have a trailer. I do wish we did. But maybe I can interest Colin in a muncher one of these days.

Very best wishes to you and to Honor. I hope her back is behaving itself. Did you get a garden kneeler ?

Norman.

PS I shall keep my eye out for auction notices for 77 Arthur Circle. Why would you want to sell your house in Hong Kong ? Are there lots of rich Hong Kong business men wanting to buy Australian property - like Arabs buying English stately homes ? I am obviously very ignorant. \$800 per advertisement sounds a bit steep - does that include a photograph ? We rather liked Ian Warden's idea for selling his house in (Upper) Aranda in the Canberra Times this morning - putting in the possum as a selling point. We have just fought a war of attrition with our possum and have temporarily come out on top.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

77 Arthur Circle,
Forrest, A.C.T.2603,
17th February, 1985.

Dear Norah,

I have at last completed the sorting of my miscellaneous correspondence by years up to 1969; the 70s I'll do at Mirinjani. This is Series G, the Series from A to F, and also H, being concerned with particular topics, and I to J with publications. There is ample material to form the factual basis for a book, but one would need to know something about island personalities and the leading people connected with Pacific research during the last half-century.

I also made some further investigations on the question of word-processors and computers and came to the conclusion that both Gavilan and Osborne could be bad bets, since one is now bankrupt and the other nearly so, which might make it difficult to obtain servicing, parts and software. I enclose two cuttings in support of this view.

The enclosed glossary of maritime terms may be of use: I found it helpful when writing the Slavers saga but was about to throw it away (which you can if its n.b.g.). Also the reference to the book on Bristol ships which had several pages on whalers going to the South Seas. Finally the letter from Michener may amuse as he was not then as high and mighty as we found him in the 70s. There are several letters from him in the 30s and 40s as we found him and his wife (No.3?) a flat in North Sydney and looked after them generally while they both wrote, or rather typed, from morning till midnight.

Hookers want us to put the property up for auction; I suppose to establish a base price for few houses seem actually to get sold at an auction. In any case 88 Arthur Circle is being auctioned on the 24th and See's former palace in Moresby Street on the 8th March so ours will have to wait its turn. I still pin my faith on selling it in Hong Kong but fear that Hookers are too staid to advertise outside Canberra, where they want to spend \$800 on adverts in the local rag (at our expense of course).

They tell me that some people are annoyed at Ron Crocombe's article in the PHA Newsletter but I can't see anything much in it to take exception to; probably because I agree with so many of his contentions.

On the other hand I should have thought that Jacqueline Leckie's article in the latest Journal of Pacific Studies is more contentious as her thesis that the study of Pacific history got off to a false start due to the incompetence of the Department of Pacific History at the ANU, and particularly that of

Messrs Jim Davidson and Harry Maude, and that it is going to be an uphill struggle for her and her colleagues to put things on the right lines before, as she says, it 'completely loses its way', is open to a number of criticisms.

I have always doubted the argument that history must be made to provide us with a set of answers to our problems today, though all Communist regimes, and most neo-Marxists, agree with Jacqueline and Bronwen on this point. Certainly we can make history do so, but when the next ideology comes into vogue we can equally well bend it to provide us with a new set of validations.

But it is right that the young should struggle to change the world; while the aged, as you can see, just prattle along,

Yours ever,

Harry Maude

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March 15, 1985

Prof.H.E. Maude
77 Arthur Circle
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Dear Professor Maude:

We were very happy to receive, through Ron Crocombe this week, a number of your bibliographical collection items: spare off-prints and publications by you and others, on Pacific subjects, for which we heartily thank you.

Pacific Studies are a special interest here, and we have only a few hundred items so far, a small locked special collection, and a few shelves in the regular book collection, at this time when we have just last December given our first B.A. degrees to Tongan students. We shall be incorporating your contribution into the collection.

Thanks, and with Best Wishes,

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P.O. Box 1168,
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F I J I.

Dear *Ron,*

PUBLICATIONS FROM PROFESSOR
H.E. MAUDE

Thank you so very much for sparing us some of the off-prints and publications from Professor Maude. They have been of use to our Social Science people and eventually we will let Dr. Fanaafi have copies of them.

I appreciate your sending me these.

Faafetai.

Yours sincerely,

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4 March 1985

Professor H.E. Maude,
77 Arthur Circle,
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AUSTRALIA.

Dear Professor Maude,

I was so grateful to Professor Ron Crocombe of the U.S.P. for considering us in his distribution of some of your publications. These were recently received.

I thought, however, that I would write to you to express my gratitude and to inform you of our own institution in its early days of development and to ask if we could receive further copies, if available of your publications for our newly established library.
... I enclose copies of our information brochure.

Again, thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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University of the South Pacific
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Professor H.E.Maude
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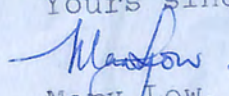
Professor Crocombe passed on to me some copies of some of your publications that you had so generously donated to Pacific Islanders who might make use of them.

I wish to thank you for giving me the opportunity to read some of your work and of having copies of some of your publications in my personal collection of works on the Pacific written by notable persons who have devoted many years of their lives to the service of the peoples of the Pacific.

I am a new member of the History/Politics discipline at the University. I am of Chinese descent but was born and brought up in Fiji.

Professor Crocombe said that you have retired from the Australian National University. May I wish you every happiness and personal fulfilment in your retirement.

Yours sincerely,


Mary Low.

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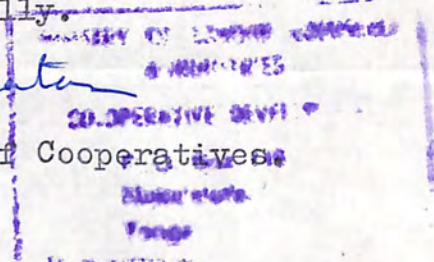
Thank you very much for the off-prints you sent, I am sure, this will be a very useful assets to the Cooperative movements. Please convey my sincere thanks to Professor H E Maude for his useful contributions.

I should be most grateful for more off prints if available.

Thank you again.

Yours faithfully,

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25th February, 1985

Professor H.E. Maude,
77 Arthur Circle,
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Dear Professor Maude,

Professor Ron Crocombe has passed on to us a collection of your offprints and publications. On behalf of the Principal and College I would like to thank you very much for this valuable addition to our Pacific History library holdings. We are aiming to build up our resources in this area, to serve our present teaching needs and also those of the Masters programme in Pacific Church History projected for 1987 onwards.

Yours sincerely,

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Prof. H.E. Maude
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Dear Prof. Maude:

Thank you very much for your generous donation of the 17 off-prints which has been made available to us by the University's Institute of Pacific Studies.

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Yours sincerely

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Prof. H.E. Maude,
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AUSTRALIA.

Dear Harry,

Very many thanks for your letter of 26 January in which you mention that you have very generously **sent** 10 parcels of books for distribution to libraries, education centres and relevant individuals. We will with pleasure distribute these with your compliments.

Most of this material is simply not accessible to the kinds of people that we would hope to get it to: for example the teachers colleges, theological colleges, public libraries etc in the islands, as well as that increasing number of Pacific islanders who now take a very serious interest in history.

With warmest regards.

Yours sincerely,

R.G. Crocombe
Director

Institute of Pacific Studies

61 Maids' Causeway,
Cambridge, Cb5 8DE.
31st January, 1985.

Dear Harry,

How very nice to get your letter and your book. Thank you so much, I have been glued to it since it arrived. I knew a little about the kidnapping but I had no idea it was on such a large scale, and what a tragic story with so many of the islands decimated.

I was so sorry to hear that Honor had been so ill, do give her my love and tell her I am so glad she is better. Your plans for a flat in the retirement village, with what sounds like a super study come office, seems an excellent idea. Fortunately my garden is so small I can still manage to keep it going.

I was glad to hear the nice things you had to say about Fergus Clunie, of his work at the Fiji Museum and his publishing for the Museum. I think he does an excellent job, have you seen his reprint of Cyclopaedia of Fiji? I am afraid Fergus is overworked and underpaid and I just hope the Fiji Government know what an excellent chap he is and are not silly enough to loose him.

As you probably know I have had help, for the final stages of the Baron's Journals, from Steven Hooper, (grandson of the Hooper collections man) he made the Cristie's Catalogue of his grandfather's collection and is now doing a catalogue of the Sainsbury collection. He did two years in Lau on field work for his PHd. which he took here in Cambridge. He has learnt Fijian so has been a god send to me.

We have just learnt of a hurricane, or rather two, in Fiji they have done a great deal of damage and, of course will not help the economic position, nor the tourist trade.

I am glad Ian Thomson got his K. he was always a good unit and could make a good job of anything he was asked to do. I have lost touch with so much of Fiji now and of course so many people have died. I see the Garveys at least once a year - they are very kind and ask me to stay with them in Suffolk and the Paines and George Milner, and that is about the lot.

I quite see what you mean about the book jacket!! I have a feeling that it might be corrupting the Polonesians' Taste!

I am well and the Baron is still keeping me busy, what a dreadful job proof reading is? We are having some problems with the spelling. There is a proposal to alter the spelling once again and I don't like it and I am sure the Baron would be horrified. They are adding macrons to a great many words and spelling Adi as Yadi', and then the index has still to be done at page proof stage.

With love to you both and many thanks for the book

Yours ever,

Jane

P.S
Thank you for your
new address.

77 Arthur Circle, Forrest,
ACT 2603, Australia,
4th January, 1985.

Dear Jane,

Many thanks for your letter and our congratulations on your reaching the proofreading stage of your Baron's Journals. You were very sensible to have it published by the Fiji Museum for the Director has a great reputation and the Museum's publications are well produced and of international standard. I have written to them to send me a copy when it appears.

As you say, our generation of expatriate islanders is getting a bit thin on the ground. The only ones still connected with the islands through their writings are Ronald Garvey (with his recent autobiography), Len Usher (who has produced a history of Suva, among other works), Archie Reid (with several articles on Fiji history), your honourable self, Honor (with a new monograph on the String Figures of New Caledonia and the Loyalty Islands), and myself.

Ian Thomson has just got a knighthood in the latest Fiji honours list; and very well deserved too for his superb running of the sugar industry and the Fiji Development Board, neither of them easy jobs under independence where what is the right thing to do has to be tempered with political expediency. They talk of retiring to North Carolina.

Paddy Macdonald comes out in a fortnight on what he says is his last tour round the world. Its a pity he can't find something to do with himself as he is so bored with life in England that I don't see him lasting long. Until his son died so tragically he was content to live in this part of the world where we could have kept him busy with biographical and other work connected with the islands: there is so much to be done that he could do well, for he has an active mind though he is a bit of a bureaucratic fossil.

We were due to move from this house, which has too much garden to distract one from more useful work, to a flat in the Mirinjani Retirement Village, where we have a study fixed up with everything we need from an electronic Word Processor to a Photocopier and a Microfilm Reader. Honor runs her Homa Press as a sideline and produces her own as well as other people's work.

But then she got ill and after weeks of pain and delirium they put her through the scanner and eventually had to operate; a tricky business, removing part of the spine, but it was successful and she is now sparking on all cylinders again.

So we move in probably in March. It is a lovely place with acres of gardens and help available 24 hours a day should need arise. Several of the people there have come out from England just to live in peace in a congenial climate. Why not come out yourself? Our address from March will be Unit 42, Mirinjani Retirement Village, 11 Namatjira Drive, Weston, ACT 2611.

I write mainly for the Pacific islanders these days; and enclose a copy of the only study that is readable, since it at least has a connected story running through it; anyway its something to remember us by for I guess neither of us will be writing much after we pass the 80 mark.

I leave the jacket on as it was specially designed for the islands, where it was a great success and sold out two editions. But as you can imagine it made the academics spit tacks so I had a plain brown paper cover designed for the American edition to keep them quiet. Being an artist yourself I suggest that you take it off and burn it.

I doubt if you would find Suva all that changed; I wander round the place a good deal - it is only four hours from here - and certainly the houses have changed hands but they are still, in the main, the same buildings that I remember.

There are fewer European officials about but more Europeans, mainly professionals and business people. And of course when the new plans come to fruition the city itself will be different: with huge glass skyscrapers and functional architecture, hard to keep cool in spite of the universal air conditioning.

We hope to be in Suva again in June for the Pacific History Conference and will stay at the GPH, which hasn't changed a bit except for the air conditioned wing and the swimming pool. Few go there, however, for there are better hotels and motels everywhere, and especially in the city, the Bay of Islands, Pacific Harbour, Singatoka and Nandi. The Conference will be at the University, an excellent institution though becoming steadily Indianised.

With love from us both, and wishing you all the best through 1985,

Yours ever,

Harry

61 Maids' Causeway,
Cambridge CB5 8DE
8th December '84,

My dear Honor & Harry,
I do hope you are both well & that the
past year has been a good one. I am well
and have got as far as the proofreading
of the Baron's journals. I can hardly
believe it.

I have very little news from Fiji now
except that I wouldn't recognize it!
I heard that Norma MacArthur had died.
I am sorry she was a grand person.
I saw the Goveys during the summer
they are in good form. I believe
Paddy MacDonald is floating about
"on world tours", but otherwise I have
no news. My generation is getting very
scarce now.

All my best Christmas wishes and
for the New Year.

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27th January, 1984

Dear Harry,

It was nice to speak with you again and I hope I did not waste too much of your time in regards to the Ocean Island photograph collection.

I am writing in furtherance to the telephone conversation to enlighten you further on my interests; I am interested in buying covers (envelopes) either philatelic (specially prepared for stamp collectors) or commercial (used for sending personal or business letters, etc) from all Pacific Islands, covers off ships, from aircraft, particularly those flown on first flights and anything unusual in covers.

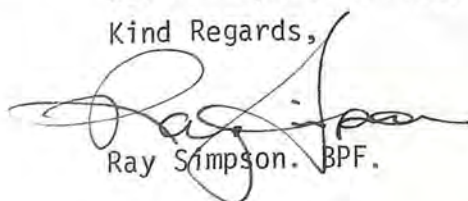
I am also interested in old postcards and photographs of the Pacific, particularly British Pacifics. You may not believe it but I have handled quite a few covers addressed to you, serving in various posts in the Pacific, particularly Ocean Island, Fiji and Pitcairn Islands and they have always proved popular.

If you care to sort out the material you wish to dispose of and sent to me by Registered Post I will send you an offer as soon as possible. I am enclosing a copy of our paper which contains a catalogue of covers and will give you an idea of the sort of material that interests me, as some of it is photographed. I could take virtually anything you can offer in the way of covers, as we sell through our lists and catalogues about 5000 covers a month, so quantity is no problem.

The collection of photographs of Ocean Island I do not really want to break-down due to its somewhat unique status and the fact that it is the pioneering period and I believe a photographic record of this time would be rare, and the photographs are in such good condition, I feel it would be irresponsible to break it down, thus I would like to see it go to a museum or someone who would display and look after it. If you hear or know of anyone interested let me know. The client wants \$2500.00 and I a 'Finders' commission, say \$250.00 or thereabouts.

Well I hope this finds you well,

Kind Regards,



Ray Simpson. B.P.F.

77 Arthur Circle,
Forrest, A.C.T.2603,
1st January, 1985.

Dear Norah,

I was truly delighted to get your card and all the news it contained. It is evidence of an innate kind heart to write, as you do, to two ancient fossils who are themselves notoriously bad correspondents.

I find that in old age one gets steadily worse at letter writing as the years roll by, until sometime in the 80s one gives up. Somehow although one accomplishes less and less the days race by ever faster; only yesterday I was wondering whether there was any point in getting up since ^{after} what seems a bare couple of hours it would be time to go to bed again.

But I did ring you several times over the months until I heard by accident that you had gone away. And then Honor got really ill and I became day and night nurse, shopper, housekeeper and cook for some months.

Fortunately she remembers very little that happened during the period; perhaps because she was often delirious for much of the time - hallucinating I think they called it - and when rationally she just lived for the moment, trying to cope with the pain.

Her doctor kept her for ages at home trying every medical device to deal with the situation as the operation is not too often successful even in the young, let alone at 80. She went into hospital bent double over two sticks and came out erect and striding: as the Sister said epitomizing in three weeks the whole history of primate development. The surgeon considered that it was due to her exceptional good health.

But what I remember best is the love showered on her, often by people I had never heard of. The prayer circles that met (even the Tamil surgeon had one: composed of the local Hindu community), the world-famous faith healer who arrived from New York for a lecture and then went straight to her bedside; the prayers in the churches, the special communion with the car waiting to take her to hospital (she remembers nothing of it); and the food that kept appearing at the doorstep (I put on half a stone as a consequence). I thought that as congenital loners we were alone in the world; but it was apparently not so.

How lovely that you are going to edit the Gypsy journal. I remember it well and intended to do the Guam visits for the Micronesian Recorder, but when I found the photostat it was a solid lump and quite undecipherable.

I always thought that it was the best maritime journal in existence and it is certainly well worth reproducing. The writer was obviously above the intellectual level of the average ship's surgeon and I was not surprised to hear that he became a successful London practitioner. Did you try to find his descendants?

Do come and see us when you can. We are having a bit of an interlude at the moment as Honor's illness delayed our moving into the flat at Mirinjani, and now all the tradesmen working on the interior decorating - walls, carpets, carpentry, air conditioning, and the like - have gone off to the coast until the end of January. We have put it all in the hands of a superb professional, Joan Smith, who fixes everything; goodness knows what her bill will be. Why not ring Honor and fix a time when perhaps we could all have afternoon tea together when you are not too busy?

I am returning the various items which you kindly sent us from time to time. Its a pity about Glen Adams, for I offered to fix up Peter France's Foreword to Cary and Twining and insert the reference numbers in the right places. Apparently he has agreed to the combining of the two narratives in the one volume, which was my only precondition, but he never got down to accepting my offer.

I fear that he has gone a bit senile and probably does not even remember that I made it. If you ever write to him you might enquire about the status of the two items, as I believe he has them waiting on one of his presses - for what?

Robert came to tea and stayed for drinks yesterday - the first time since Iva's death - and it was very hearteneng to find him bubbling over with enthusiasm on this and that project. As Father O'Reilly says its the monomaniacs who keep going despite the blows inseparable from our being mortals.

Love from us both,

Yours,

Harry



24 October.

Dear Honor and Harry,

I have just heard that both of you have been ill, and wanted to let you know how sorry I was to hear this news, and how I hope you're both getting better now.

I've been back for several weeks now, and settling in to a busy session of work. Gaven left a rather large collection of questions to be answered during his absence, which will keep me going for some time.

I had been going to ring you this week, to see how things were, and to find out whether you had moved yet to your new apartment. I was also going to tell you, Harry, about my interesting discoveries in London about the writer

of the Gypsy log - do you
remember it? I had the whole
thing xeroxed while I was there,
and have hopes of finally getting
round to editing it as time
permits. The writer turns out
to be a John Wilson, not Parker
Wilson, which was his son's
name, who became a successful
medical practitioner in London and
died in 1878 - buried in Nonwood
Cemetery, WAYSIDE SERIES B200

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beside © Published and Designed by which
Bryan & Chrissie Hall
of Tunbridge Wells
I was living for our 2½ months
in London - in West Nonwood,
near Dulwich.

There is other interesting
news - at least, I think you might
find it so - from my whaling
research overseas which I'd love
to talk to you about when you're
both feeling better.

Alas, Honor, some of your prize
geraniums died during my absence from
lack of attention by our very busy friend
who looked after our house for us. In
my haste, I forgot to ask her to give them special
care! All best wishes, Mum



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1 December

Dear Harry,

More from Glen Adams
— maybe you'll be interested.

See particularly the cutting
headed 'Washington man
prats over bushes' — right hand
column, top. 'Australian govern-
ment' ... !!

All best wishes to
you and Honor. How is your
garden surviving the wet?

Norman.



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24 October .

Dear Harry,

(I thought you'd like to see the latest sad letter from Glen Adams - not that he seems particularly sad. Perhaps a better word would be 'poignant'.

Last week I had a letter from Rhys Richards, now living in Wellington. He asked after you and I have sent him your address, as he said he had lost touch, and wanted to send you some items of interest.

Regards,
Nanah .



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17 October

Dear Henry,

Thanks so much for sending
Captain Henry Pease's 'Adventure', and
for your long letter. The Pease item is
a fine example of Pacific whaling contact
history, and I shall add it to my whaling
bibliography (which is now being considered
for publication by the Reedall Whaling
Museum).

It was good to have all your news.
I was most interested to read about your
Moinjari plans, having investigated the
possibility of my parents moving there some
years ago. For various reasons it wasn't
found to be a practicable solution for them
at the time, and now I think they will
stay in their own house, with increasing
housekeeper care as time goes on. I must
say I wish now that they had moved to
somewhere like Moinjari some years ago,

but now it's really too late for them to
contemplate uprooting themselves.

I was so glad to hear of the great
success of Slavers in Paradise. Niel
was preparing a review of it last week -
but now I can't recall which journal it
was for. Perhaps he has already told you
about it? Is Honor's new story figure
book to come from the Home Press? And
who is to publish your Grumble Papers
book? I have heard disturbing rumours
about the future of the ANU Press - have
you?

It certainly was a pleasure to
hear about Doug's doctorate. I agree
with you about his pertinacity in the
face of set-backs, and only wish
he wasn't regarded as something of
a joke as he is still by people like
Deryck. And Niel only seemed to
have eyes for the typing errors in
Doug's thesis, which seemed a bit
hard. I really don't think Research
School academics realise what it's
like to produce work under the
conditions Doug has worked in. Life
here still has its unreal features,

I'm pleased to hear you enjoyed
the Gardener's Eden. I must ask my sister
to keep sending them to me. Also, I was
impressed by the Canon photocopy of p. 1 of
your letter. Marvellous clarity! Thanks and best



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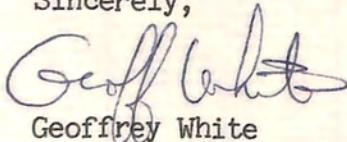
Dear Prof. Maude,

Thank you for your letter of April 14 with the information concerning World War II in Ocean Island and Nauru. We have included references to the typescripts in your possession in our inventory of unpublished materials on the War. Since most of the items are just a few pages, would it be possible for you to forward copies at our expense?

We much appreciate the time you have already taken to provide us with this information. We will see if we can follow up on your tip about the existence of war songs in the Gilberts and on Rambi.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,


Geoffrey White

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Dear Ron,

Sorry not to have replied before to your letter of 12 February but I have been flat out on packing everything we possess and removing it to our new skedbox in the woods of Weston where we have been fortunate in purchasing a flat in the Mingani Retirement Village for the mortally handicapped.

This has meant sorting our correspondence and other manuscript material into Series A-H, of which Series G represents the letters arranged in separate files by years and the others subject Series on such topics as ^{Pitcairn Island affairs and} the Settlement of the Phoenix Islands ~~and Pitcairn Island affairs~~. There are several thousand files filled with letters from ^{Pacific Islands} research and literary notabilities by some dead and to us who know the islands they provide a unique perspective of Pacific life and interests, particularly in the pre-World War II period. They go to the archives section of the University of Adelaide for the use of future researchers, and particularly historians and biographers.

The Gilbert and Ellice published material goes to my new study in ^{Woods, Decore,} Mingani, as does our personal library. The furniture has gone here, there and everywhere and we move ourselves on Thursday.

Following on this colossal and cataclysmic operation we have to fix the garden - $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre of it - into first-class shape as we hope dozens of would-be buyers will be examining it prior to the auctioning of the property on 15 April; then we will be showing them round and at the same time settling in at Weston.

That should give me May and June reasonably clear to write that paper, and the ^{and the} ~~Committee~~, as directed by your ^{and} ~~with~~ any luck all should go OK and hunky-dory. But as you will be aware at our age either of us may laid up,

hospitalized and even cremated at short notice so you had better take out adequate insurance.

It was a brilliant idea of yours to have a top-billing star perform on the main stage at the same time for that will siphon off all but say a dozen, all or mostly Gilbertese I would hope, so we can sit round a table and conduct proceedings seminar-fashion. I rely on you to book us a small room far from the no-dancing thing.

The title of the exercise could be, I suggest 'Samoa and Kiribati: group migration and settlement in the 14th century', for even the dumbest Pacific historian knows that Pacific history commences with the discovery of the Pacific by Magellan in 1521 and that if the bloody ocean had not been discovered it could not be the subject of historical study, QED and full stop. ^{in other words} ~~plain~~ ^{plain} ~~enough~~ ^{enough} the moral Hawaiian rathboggery the old boy must be slipping badly in his senescence, and it would be cruel to go and hear him make a fool of himself. Fair enough, especially as they would not understand a word of what I intend to talk about.

I have quite recovered from friend Jacqueline's diabetes, thanks to your lucid explanation of what I had already suspected; let us hope that she gains the answer to her rhapsodic prayers. And we were all delighted with David's ^{excellent} paper, which says so much that ^{we} agree with, and I hope to see it in print before long.

All I need now from your goodness is a firm statement on how long the conference papers are scheduled to last, because as you will recall from the Bati Cotech I am apt to ramble on unless curbed, cribbed and cabined to exactly 30 or 40 minutes, or whatever, which at 110 words a minute works out at 3,300 or 4,400 words of pellucid prose delivered steadily and with rhetorical emphasis. Of course if it's to be a friendly back-chat,

Helen and I will be staying at the GPIH, which has such nostalgic memories for us, and we have asked John Ganett, who was here

* whom I can make do with less

the air-conditioned wing. But you might be an angel and ring them and
 the other day, to look us in. I don't think that all is in order, for in the past the Indian gentlemen who seemed to
 manage the manager told us the place was full when it was empty and we had
 to get the Managers to read the riot act. We will, and are, quite willing to
 pass any necessary with the counter relations - when in Rome, etc. - but don't know
 how much is customary.

I will now bid adieu for you must have other things to do than
 read my bull; please note the permanent change of address,

Yours,