

Note for file.

Suggestions for Standing Committee

Professor Keesing

Dr. Irene Taeuber

Professor Davidson

Professor Firth

Dr. de Young

28.4.54

19th April, 1954

Dear Dr. Murdoch,

Thank you for your letter of the 15th March in which you express the hope that I would accept President Tan's offer of appointment as Chairman of the Social Sciences Group of the Standing Committee on Anthropology and the Social Sciences.

I was very diffident about taking on this job for, as you know, I am no eminent scientist but only a Government official who has worked in the area. However, I was somewhat re-assured by the kind tone of your letter and the realization that I could at any time rely on your advice when in difficulties.

As a result, I sought the approval of the Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission before accepting the appointment. In reply I have been informed that it would be difficult to regard the Chairmanship as part of my official job and that my acceptance must be dependent on the work not "encroaching on the time and energy which should be devoted to the Commission":

Unfortunately things have been rather rushed during the past month owing to the preparations for the Research Council and the fact that I am off to England almost immediately, by sea. However, I shall send you a list of suggested members in the Social Sciences Group, probably en route. But there is, I take it, no violent hurry and I should like to discuss it with Raymond Firth if possible.

I presume that the function of the Committee is to maintain a continuing review of research relating to the Pacific area being carried out in the Social Sciences and to report to the next Congress on accomplishments and needs for the future? Working out of the next programme appears to lie with the organizers of the Ninth Congress; to what extent has the Committee any function in this regard?

Again, before I select a sub-committee I should be grateful for your advice as to what is the scope of the Social Sciences Divisional programme. It seemed to me to have been thrown together rather haphazardly

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and with little attempt to cover more than one or two of the disciplines.

As the Anthropology Division will cover anthropology proper, geography and linguistics, would it be admissible, do you think, to have on the Social Sciences section of the Committee representatives of the following disciplines: economics, education, demography, history, psychology and sociology? I think at least one symposium on some problem falling within the scope of each of these sciences should be included in the programme of the next Congress. The historians of the Pacific area, in particular, would like to foregather for once.

Many thanks for the most helpful suggestions in your letter. I should naturally be very glad to agree to the designation of Dr. B.P. Groslier as Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee with the special task mentioned by you.

The appointment of Dr. de Young to siphon off those more interested in social welfare than social science is a most happy one. I take it that any programme suggested by him could run concurrently with the main Divisional one, like your suggestions A, B and C?

Irene Taeuber has been on my list of tentative Committee members but I should prefer Cyril Belshaw to Harry Hawthorn as he is more interested in the problems of the area as a whole (particularly on the applied side).

Finally, I have no violent views on whether we should form a single Standing Committee or two co-ordinating Committees, but as you prefer the former I am happy to agree. I presume that each of the Co-Chairmen can act independently without consulting the other: or the correspondence may tend to assume rather voluminous proportions.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



H. E. Maude.

20th April, 1954

Dear Miss Bishop,

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd March, letting me know some of the background material relating to the work of the Anthropology and Social Sciences Standing Committee.

I referred President Tan's offer to the Secretary-General who took the attitude that my "time and energy could be more profitably expended in more productive directions" and that any work must be strictly outside Commission hours! Despite this I accepted it, and enclose a copy of my letter: I will let you have a list of the Committee in due course, as it will need some working out.

Why they picked on me goodness only knows, as I told them in Manila that I was not a candidate for the job. My best friends would not describe me as an eminent scientist and I must confess that I cannot even understand the meaning of the Divisional suggestions forwarded by you, especially the one about socio-economic benchmarks (though we have drawn a beautiful picture of someone sitting on one).

Thanks for your suggestion regarding de Young. I shall write to him on my way to England at the end of the month.

Wishing you all the best,

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

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

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19th April, 1954

Dear President Tan,

I was most gratified to receive your letter of the 22nd February informing me that you have been so good as to appoint me to be Co-Chairman for the Social Sciences Group of the Standing Committee on Anthropology and the Social Sciences in the Pacific area.

This is an honour which I shall be happy to accept, particularly as I shall have the advantage of being able to rely on the experienced advice of Professor G.P. Murdoch, the Co-Chairman for the Anthropology Group.

I am leaving almost immediately for the United Kingdom, by sea, and will consider the making of appointments to the Standing Committee during the course of the voyage.

I must apologise for the delay in replying to your letter, caused by the necessity of obtaining the authority of the Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission before accepting.

May I take this opportunity of congratulating you on the extremely able way in which you organized the last Pacific Science Congress. It will indeed be a hard task for those responsible for the Ninth Congress to better your achievement.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Maude.

Mr. Vidal A. Tan,
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In reply, please quote.....

31st March, 1954.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Mr. H. E. Maude,
Executive Officer for Social Development,
South Pacific Commission,
Box No. 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.



My dear Harry,

Please accept our warm congratulations on your selection as Chairman of the Pacific Science Council Social Service Committee; it is indeed a distinction of which you may be proud.

But it creates a rather difficult position. I ^{may} ~~might~~ say that we attach no importance whatever to either of the two reasons which you adduce for not accepting. On the other hand, I find it very difficult to regard this chairmanship and the work which it would entail as part of your official job. I am cynical enough to doubt whether the activities of the Committee, even under your chairmanship, would produce any measurable effect on the "welfare and advancement of the peoples" in the S.P.C. area. At any rate, I should have thought that the time and energy that you would devote to the Committee could be more profitably expended in more productive directions.

However, having only the vaguest idea of what demands acceptance of the chairmanship would make upon you, I must leave the decision to your judgment. If you are confident that you can do justice to the Committee without encroaching on the time and energy which you should devote to the Commission, accept, and good luck to you!

*Yours son
Boris Fank*

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30th March 1954

Dear Sir Brian,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

ESM

cc: Dr. E.M. Ojala.

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

THE PACIFIC SCIENCE COUNCIL
SECRETARIAT
BERNICE P. BISHOP MUSEUM
HONOLULU 17, HAWAII



copy
22 March 1954

Dear Mr. Maude:

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

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

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

Social Science Research Center
University of the Philippines
Quezon City

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

Kindest regards,

Brenda Bishop
Brenda Bishop
Secretary

cc Dr. Murdock

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22 March 1954

Dear Dr. Murdock:

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

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

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

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

Kindest regards,

Brenda Bishop
Secretary

cc w/encl Mr. Maude

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

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STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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

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

Coconut Problems in the Pacific Area	Dr. Joaquin Marañon Director, Institute of Science and Technology Manila, Philippines
Animal Improvement in the Pacific Area	Rector Luang Suwan College of Agriculture Krasetsart University Bangkhen, Bangkok Thailand
Chemistry in the development of natural resources in the Pacific Area	Dr. Amando Clemente Department of Chemistry University of the Philippines Quezon City, Philippines
Medical Sciences and Public Health in the Pacific Area	Dr. Karl F. Meyer Director The George Williams Hooper Foundation University of California Medical Center San Francisco 22, California
Anthropology and Social Sciences in the Pacific	Co-Chairmen -- Dr. G. P. Murdock Yale University New Haven, Connecticut Mr. H. E. Maude Executive Officer for Social Development South Pacific Commission Sydney, N.S.W., Australia

REPORT TO THE PACIFIC SCIENCE COUNCIL ON

A VISIT TO HONG KONG AND BANGKOK.

23 December 1953 - 7 January 1954

Pacific Science Council Secretariat
c/o Bernice P. Bishop Museum
Honolulu 19, Hawaii

1. Itinerary. Left Manila 23 December for Hong Kong, arriving the same day. Left Hong Kong for Bangkok 30 December, arriving the same day. Left Bangkok for Manila on 7 January, arriving the same day. Left Manila for Honolulu on 9 January. I had to be in Honolulu before 12 January and this, together with plane schedules, more or less dictated the particular dates of arrival and departure.

2. Eighth Congress, 3-23 December. During this time I assisted the National Research Council of the Philippines with the preparation of Congress resolutions and Council minutes and with the letters arising out of the resolutions and Council decisions. At the time I left for Hong Kong the only letters of this type still outstanding were those concerning appointment of Standing Committee chairmen.

3. Hong Kong, 23 - 30 December. Most of the time in Hong Kong was spent with the University of Hong Kong people, particularly the officers of the newly established Fisheries Research Unit. The University is our Representative Institution in Hong Kong. I met also some of the officers of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Dr. L. T. Ride, Vice-Chancellor of the University, explained about Hong Kong inviting the Ninth Congress to meet there but letting it be known that it was the Tenth Congress in which they were interested. It had been Dr. Ride's understanding that it was not the practice of the Pacific Science Association to meet in the same general area for two successive congresses. The University now has two research units, the Institute of Oriental Studies set up in 1952 and the Fisheries Research Unit set up in 1953. The Fisheries Research Unit is a part of the Department of Biology, which Department will be further expanded by the appointment of a Professor of Botany in 1954. If Hong Kong should extend an

invitation to some future congress it was my impression that a good one could be organized there, particularly if a plan of spreading the congress over about three weeks and having two days of meeting followed by one day of field trips were followed.

4. Bangkok, 30 December - 7 January. Nai Boon Indrambarya, Secretary-General of the Science Society of Thailand (our Representative Institution) and Director-General of Fisheries for Thailand, arranged my program for me. Through Nai Boon I was able to meet with many of the Thai scientists, both formally and informally.

The Science Society of Thailand is relatively young, holding its first Science Conference in 1949. Conferences were held in 1950 and 1951, when it was decided to hold them at two year intervals, with a Science Exhibition every year. The Society itself meets twice a month and also carries out a number of continuing activities, such as cataloguing the books in the various scientific libraries in Bangkok. Some idea of the scope of interest of the Society can be gathered from the attached list of papers presented at the 1951 Conference.

Science, apart from archaeological and cultural studies, is not yet highly developed in Thailand, a fact of which the Thai scientists are very conscious. The Science Society, with its Conferences and Exhibitions and an extension service to the schools and Universities, is trying to help this situation by bringing to the attention of the Thai people, particularly the young people, the part science does and can play in their lives. This is in addition of course to the function of stimulating further work by an exchange of ideas and encouraging young workers to publish. It is my impression that the Thai scientists hope that the Ninth Congress will assist them greatly in all these ways.

Congress meeting place. With Nai Boon I visited the Agricultural University (Krasetsatra) at Bangkhen, about 14 kilometers from Bangkok, Chulalongkorn University, Sala Santitharm, and the new Department of Science Building. The three last are in Bangkok. The Universities are the only meeting places big enough for the Congress and, because of transport difficulties, Chulalongkorn would seem the more suitable. If the Congress were held in January, as suggested, the University will be in session and space will be at a premium, but the Science Society and University authorities discussed ways in which this difficulty could be overcome through an extended building program at the University.

Hotel Accommodation. This should be adequate, particularly as more hotels are being built in Bangkok.

Organization and Program. At the time I was in Thailand, Dr. Charng Ratanarat, Director of the Department of Science, Ministry of Industry, was being spoken of for Secretary-General of the Congress, with Nai Boon as Assistant Secretary-General. This would make a fine team, but whoever is finally chosen by the Science Society will do a good job.

In Thailand the usual problem that our division programs have to be organized by busy men in their spare time is particularly acute. In view of this, and to help the situation we always have of people wanting to be in two meetings at once, I am hopeful that the Thai scientists will decide to organize the main meetings on very broad themes which would bring in more than one discipline. For example, something on rural community organization could bring in public health, anthropology and social sciences, agriculture, conservation, freshwater fisheries, etc.; something on interrelation of land, sea, and air in productivity would also bring in a number of disciplines. Such themes would also make the fullest use of the available Thai scientific manpower. Our standing committees could possibly help

the Science Society with suggestions for themes if the Society decides to work along such lines. Such a program could also help with the printing problem. It is very difficult to get printing or mimeographing done in Thailand because of the acute shortage of typists, typesetters and proof-readers proficient in English. In fact the language difficulty will be great both in the organization and conduct of the Congress.

A further idea we discussed was the possibility of having Congress meetings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and leaving the afternoons free for field trips and free time. Some evening meetings might also be held. In view of the many interesting things to see in Bangkok and its neighbourhood, both from the scientific and the cultural point of view, and also the way in which some of our delegates suffer from the heat, I doubt if we would get a full attendance at afternoon meetings in any case. At the time I left the possibility of trying this system at the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council meeting at the end of January was being discussed. For post-sessional tours we can go to the mountains around Chiangmai and probably also fly to Angkor Wat.

I think we will have a successful congress in Thailand, particularly if the Science Society organizes it on broad and simple lines. I have hopes that this will be the case, as one of the things that impressed me most about the Thai scientists was their realistic appraisal of their own difficulties.

Fifth Prehistory Congress. Some of the scientists of the Fourth Prehistory Congress had spoken to Nai Boon informally on the possibility of the Fifth Prehistory Congress meeting with the Ninth Pacific Science Congress. As you know, the same thing was brought up to the Council. I told Nai Boon that the Council's position was that this was a matter outside the province of the Council and entirely up to the Thai scientists. However I did pass on that it was the personal opinion of some of the Council members, and of

some of the prehistorians, that if the Congresses were to meet in conjunction the prehistory one should take place just before or following the science congress. A solution that was advanced was to have the prehistory congress organized by the Siam Society, an old and powerful group in Thailand concerned with archaeology and cultural studies, to take place ahead of or following the science congress. The advantages to the Thai scientists are obvious, and it would also get the Pacific Science Association out of the awkward position of appearing to sanction that prehistory is something separate from anthropology and social sciences. With Nai Boon I met Prince Ajavadis Diskul, Hon. Secretary of the Siam Society, who expressed his Society's keen interest in the publications of the Eighth Congress. We did not discuss the forthcoming congresses. The matter of the Prehistory Congress is something to be arranged by the Prehistory Association and the Science Society does not intend to do anything further about invitations.

I know that you will realize that what I have said here about arrangements for the Ninth Congress is just a report of informal conversations. It is much too early for any decisions to have been made by the Science Society. The Thai scientists understand that they have complete responsibility for all phases of Congress organization. There had been an impression on the part of one or two that we had a Secretariat similar to that of UNESCO which moved in a complete staff, including typists, to organize the regional conference they held in Bangkok.

Manila, 7 - 9 January. I assisted the National Research Council with incorporating the amendments made by Council members to the resolutions of the Congress and with editing the report to UNESCO on the symposium on marine biogeographical provinces. President Tan has the appointment of standing committee chairmen under consideration.

Expenses. The cost to the Pacific Science Council Secretariat of my visit

to Hong Kong and Bangkok was \$183.27, the amount of my airfare from Hong Kong to Bangkok and back. The Manila - Hong Kong portion of the fare had been included in my Honolulu - Manila - Honolulu ticket at no extra cost.

Acknowledgements. A number of people went out of their way to ensure that I saw the places I wanted to see and met the people I wanted to meet in Hong Kong and Bangkok. I am particularly indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Derek Bromhall, whose house was a second home to me in Hong Kong, Nai Boon Indrambarya and his wife, whose friendly inclusion of me in their own social activities enabled me to enjoy aspects of life in Thailand I would never otherwise have seen, and Dr. Patrocinio Valenzuela, his staff and co-workers in the Congress, whose warm welcome on my return made me realize how many good friends I now have in the Philippines.

27 January 1954

Brenda Bishop
Secretary
Pacific Science Council
Secretariat

Titles of papers presented at the Science Conference, 1951, of the
Science Society of Thailand

Papers published in Thai with English summary,

Lignite prospecting at Mac Moh, Lampang Province

Hydrogenation of Para-rubber oil

Cococanut meal for penicillin production

Interesting results on the preliminary study to breed poultry for higher
egg production and higher resistance to diseases.

Beekeeping

Uses of Tamarind pulp in Tobacco industry

The Chainat Project ((construction of a log chute at Chao Phya Dam))

A study of Elephant's Placenta

The Upper Atmosphere (0-250 k.m.)

Preliminary report on survey of dental caries in Thai children

Kong Kao Keu ((a dark green pigment with pain-killing properties found
in certain trees))

Flowering time of rice (*Oryza sativa*)

Mildew-proofing of tobacco seedbed covers

Some problems concerning pepper plants

Ultimate design of reinforced concrete beams.

English section

Geography of the spread of civilization - C. B. Fawcett

Food Adulteration - Mr. Hasan Shnad

National Economic Policy, National Income, and Economic Development -
Dr. Joseph S. Gould

Quality control in industry - R. F. Arnfield

YALE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

March 15, 1954

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



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Dear Mr. Maude:

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

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

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

Bela - not
at the time

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

Sincerely yours,
George P. Murdock George P. Murdock

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

Pacific Science Association

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

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February 22, 1954


Mr. H. E. Maude
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S i r :

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

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

Very respectfully,


VIDAL A. TAN
President

March 12, 1954

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

Dear President Tan:

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

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

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

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

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

With cordial personal regards, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

George P. Murdock