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2nd September, 1955.

Dear Jim,

This is just a note to enclose Nancy's latest effusion from Samoa. Her efforts are always refreshing and I am sure you will enjoy her views on current affairs. Also another from Douglas Smith, which will serve as a foot-note illustrating some of the difficulties of the Government officer in the new set-up.

Please drop them in the mail again when read, as we will have to take action on one or two matters mentioned in Nancy's letter, and to answer Smith.

No news as yet from Noumea but I expect that it will all be on the plane due now.

Yours sincerely,

Lem.

Professor J.W. Davidson,
c/o The Australian National University,
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TELEGRAPHIC AND CABLE ADDRESS:
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BOX 4, G.P.O.
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5th September, 1955

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

Dear Harry,

Thank you very much for letting me see Nancy's letter and also the letter from Douglas Smith. Rumours had been reaching us here about the unhappy state of affairs in Samoa, but nothing so full as Nancy's account. The Samoans themselves are not much inclined to set down such matters even when they write and, of course, it is only the few who could discuss them with any degree of detachment. It is sad, but not surprising. Last year, Gilson and I had long talks on these matters with people like Etene, Sa'aga, my former right-hand man on the Local Government Commission, and Va'ai Kolone, a cocoa planter and ex-teacher of rare perceptiveness. We talked of how long it would be before the explosion came, rather than of whether it would come. There was some feeling that I should warn McIntosh and Wright confidentially in advance; but it would have been highly embarrassing to do so, and, in any case, it probably would not have done any good. New Zealand would not have been likely to overrule Powles and he himself seemed completely confident of the wisdom of the course he was embarked upon. When I next see you, I shall - if it won't bore you - give my impressions of what is wrong. At the centre of it, I believe, is the fact that Powles has been imposing on the people a programme of political reform for which there was no real demand and which, in its details, they have found it hard to comprehend. Instead of an understanding of Samoan points of view, there has been an orgy of doctrinaire reformism - Powles and Edmonds with their text books of law and political science, Lambie with his educational programme, and so on. Potentially, the situation could be more dangerous than it was in 1947, perhaps more so than in 1927. A number of prominent Samoans have been flattered by the prospects held out to them of political office, with the emoluments and prestige going with it. Consequently, there is a risk that the discrediting of European officials will also involve the standing of many Samoans who have been taking the lead in recent years. The PWD scandal, as you will realize, was the precipitating factor, not the cause of the present trouble.

As to Smith's letter, that doesn't surprise me either. When I asked him last year how the Broadcasting Committee was doing, he said: "It has not been any use to me, but I think I have been of some use to it."

One reason that I have taken this opportunity to write to you is that I wanted to let you know about other things. I sent in a recommendation just

after I came back from Sydney that a Readership or Senior Fellowship should be advertized. So far, nothing much seems to have been done, but I must see if I can hasten the Vice-Chancellor into giving his approval. I am not sure whether your somewhat cryptic reference to hoping to hear soon from Noumea means that the question of your resignation is still in the balance or only that the date from which it could become effective is still unsettled. I shall look forward to hearing more definitely from you when you have any further news to pass on.

I am returning Nancy's and Smith's letters.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Davidson

15th September, 1955.

Dear Jim,

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

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

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

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

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

I have also written to McKay telling him the news and

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Fred.

5th October, 1955.

Dear Jim,

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

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

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

Bedell himself says in a personal letter :-

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Jerm.

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7th November, 1955.

Dear Jim,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Len

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South Pacific Commission,
Box 5254, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Harry,

Thanks for letting me know developments. For a variety of reasons the post has not yet been advertized, though I believe it should be towards the end of next week. It is, of course, disappointing from all points of view that Bedell seems likely to find difficulties in the way of releasing you till some indeterminate time next year. On the other hand, I would not regard it as a serious objection unless there was also doubt as to whether you would get away then; and it appears that, at any rate, your resignation is accepted in principle.

Yours sincerely,

J.W. Davidson

(J.W. Davidson)

I hope you find Noumea most pleasant. Have you seen O'Reilly's very fine bibliography of New Caledonia? Newbury has just received a copy from him.

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23rd November, 1955

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

Dear Harry,

Your letter contained most cheering news. I had been reconciled to your not being able to leave the Commission till some time next year. I am not at all worried about your desire to be free till about August, though it would have been good if you had been able to come earlier. In any case, applications for the post - for which I enclose a copy of the advertisement - do not close until 31 January, and an appointment is unlikely to be made till March. We could not reasonably expect anyone to come to Canberra for several months after that. The only thing that gives me some worry is the background of your resignation from the Commission. As you know, it is not possible to say till the applications come in whether you or another will be appointed. My own hope, that you will be joining us, is shared by the others in the School whom you know - Nadel, Spate, and Freeman in particular - and frankly we do not expect a stronger candidate, although we cannot exclude the possibility. If things should turn out that way, contrary to our expectation, you might, perhaps, feel that your resignation from the Commission had been unnecessary. I mention this merely for the record and not to cause you any undue "alarm and despondency".

I have looked at the file regarding the offer of appointment in 1952. It contains all the personal particulars that we shall need, but I notice that we did not trouble then to consult referees. On this occasion, we shall have to be more formal and, therefore, we shall need from you the names of three persons to whom we may (and will, in fact) refer. I have only one suggestion to make: it might be well to include Raymond Firth. He strongly supported you orally on the previous occasion and his word would still carry a lot of weight.

I shall have to be in Sydney sometime within the next few weeks. I shall let you know when I am coming and shall hope that we may be able to meet.

I am glad that it looks as if we shall be meeting in Suva in April. My own enthusiasm for the Conference has somewhat diminished, and I think I may try to avoid being there for the whole of it. I intend to go on to England from Fiji and to return in October or November.

Yours sincerely,

J.W. Davidson

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THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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READERSHIP OR SENIOR FELLOWSHIP IN PACIFIC HISTORY

APPLICATIONS are invited for appointment as Reader or Senior Fellow in Pacific History.

The appointment will be within the Department of Pacific History of the Research School of Pacific Studies (Head of Department, Professor J.W. Davidson, M.A., Ph.D.)

Information regarding the University will be found in the printed leaflet accompanying these particulars.

1. NOTES ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC HISTORY -

The Department of Pacific History is concerned with research into the problems of Western expansion and its impact upon non-European peoples in the Pacific and South-East Asian areas. The main emphasis of research so far has been upon the evolution of colonial government and its repercussions upon indigenous societies. The Department is, however, no less interested in the history of social and economic change and it is hoped that there will be a considerable expansion of work in these fields. The research of the Department would in certain cases involve a combination of work on documents with field study of contemporary situations.

2. DUTIES -

The Reader or Senior Fellow shall devote the whole of his time to the duties of his office. It shall be his primary duty to devote himself to research and the advancement of knowledge in his subject. He shall assist the Head of the Department in organising seminars and in supervising the work of graduate students; and generally contribute to the work of the Department of Pacific History and the Research School of Pacific Studies. He shall be responsible to the Head of the Department.

3. SALARY AND TENURE -

The salary range for Readers is £A2,400 - 2,800. A Reader is appointed to the permanent staff; retiring age is 65, with the option of retiring after the age of 60.

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Appointment is subject to a satisfactory medical report by a physician nominated by the University.

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4. SUPERANNUATION -

The University will contribute to an endowment insurance scheme on the principles of the Federated Superannuation System for Universities as in the United Kingdom. Five per cent of salary will be deducted as the staff member's contribution.

5. OUTSIDE WORK -

Members of the academic staff shall not -

(a) sit in Parliament; or

(b) engage in paid outside work of any kind or undertake or conduct any paid occupation or business or engage in the practice of any profession, without the permission of the Council. Permission, in general terms, will be given in respect of a reasonable amount of such outside work as examining, lecturing, and broadcasting, and for the purposes mentioned in paragraph 6.

6. VISITS TO OTHER UNIVERSITIES, ETC. -

Members of the academic staff may, with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Dean of the Research School, visit other Universities and educational or research institutes, for the purpose of delivering courses of lectures or assisting in research work, and generally for the purpose of maintaining good relations with other bodies interested in teaching and research in Australia.

7. STUDY LEAVE -

A Reader or Senior Fellow is entitled to one year's study leave on full pay in every six years of his term of office. An allowance of up to £A800 (£A700 for a Senior Fellow) will be made for travel and other expenses of study leave.

8. RESERVATION -

The University Council reserves the right to fill the vacancy by invitation should it wish to do so.

9. APPLICATIONS -

Applications should reach the Registrar by 31st January 1956. Applicants in the United Kingdom are asked *also* to send two copies of their application to The Secretary, Association of Universities of the British Commonwealth, 36 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1. Applications should include date and place of birth, marital status, war service (if any), details of academic record, publications (together with single copies of reprints if available), appointments held and the names and addresses of three referees. Applicants are asked to provide two signed passport size photographs: applicants in the United Kingdom should send these direct to Canberra.

R.A. Hohnen
REGISTRAR

Australian National University,
Box 4, G.P.O.,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

9th November 1955

30th November, 1955.

Dear Jim,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Sir Ronald Garvey, Governor of Fiji , (we progressed through the W.P.H.C. together and I consequently know a number of stories about him that I feel confident he would much sooner forget);

(ii) Sir Brian Freeston, who was High Commissioner for the Western Pacific and later Secretary-General, knew me fairly intimately;

(iii) Dr. Gilbert Archey, Director of the Auckland Museum and Institute, who has known me for about 20 years;

(iv) Dr. F.E. Keesing, of Stanford, ditto, (I feel that he is rather an unpredictable quantity, however, as one never knows if one is in favour at the moment or not: I <u>think</u> I am at present);

(v) Dr. Ernest Beaglehole, of Wellington, whom I used to know quite well, but our paths have not crossed for some time recently;

(vi) Kingsley Roth (author and historian!), who really could write about me as he is probably the best friend I have left in the Pacific services.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Leon.

2, Netherby Street,
WAHROONGA, New South Wales.

30th December, 1955.

Dear Professor Beaglehole,

As you may have heard, I asked to be allowed to retire from the Commission service at the last Session. I am sorry in a way to go but I felt that, after seven years, it was time to hand over what has now become a purely organizational job to someone else. Actually I had not meant to stay so long but it has taken over two years to get permission to leave.

So after tomorrow I shall be on pension and free to devote my time to various studies connected with the islands that I have long wanted to undertake but lacked the opportunity. I should not feel justified in retiring so young to do nothing but it seemed to me that if I continued my administrative career in the Colonial Office I ran the risk of leaving till too late (like Camilla Wedgwood) the research and writing that I have been preparing myself for ever since I came out to the Pacific, and indeed even before.

My main interest being in Pacific history I have applied for a Senior Fellowship at the Australian National University in that Department and wonder if you would be so kind as to let me quote you as one of my referees? I know we haven't been in touch much recently but I can think of no other Pacific authority in the academic world who has known me, or of me, more or less since I first came to the islands over 25 years ago.

Unfortunately I had to turn down this very Fellowship in 1953, as I could not get out of the Commission at the time, and now I expect the competition is a good deal keener.

I have a number of bits and pieces of research in Pacific history that I want to clean up at an early date, including

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Department of Psychology,
Victoria University College,
P.O. Box 196,
WELLINGTON, New Zealand.

a Social and Administrative History of Pitcairn Island, but what I am really hoping to concentrate on during the next few years is:-

(i) a history of Traders and Trading in the South Pacific, based largely on original material; and

(ii) a general history of the Central Pacific Equatorial Islands, based partly on ethno-historical techniques and partly on documentary sources.

I do hope you won't mind acting as a referee? If you have no objection they will probably write to you and enquire whether I am literate and what my morals are like and so forth, but I don't suppose that they would bother you until sometime in February as applications do not close until the end of January.

If I do get the job I have been promised a few months in New Zealand collecting material and will make a point of looking you up: I feel we have much to discuss about the islands as they are today.

I wonder who will take over as Executive Officer for Social Development: Cyril Belshaw is tipped as a likely contender.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude

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

5th January, 1956.

Dear Raymond,

As I think I told you when I last wrote I have been in touch with Jim Davidson about the possibility of my joining the National University: in fact he has been to see me several times and, rather to my surprise, he appears keen on the idea.

The old post of Senior Research Fellow in Pacific History that I unfortunately could not take a couple of years ago has now been advertised and applications are to be in by the end of the month.

This time the competition is likely to be quite keen, I should imagine, and I have been advised to send in the names of three referees who are willing to vouch for my ability to read and write and the state of my general morals.

May I please give your name in as one? I hardly like to ask, knowing how busy you are, but there is no getting away from the fact that a word from you would carry more weight than volumes from the others.

If I succeed in getting to the University I still plan to concentrate on the two major items of work I spoke to you about: a History of Traders and Trading and a more general study of the Central Pacific Equatorial Islands.

I find that I am busier since I left the Commission than before; so many things kept getting postponed and can at last be tackled. At the moment I am working on a little survey of children's literature on the South Seas which for some reason I find rather fascinating - probably my childlike mentality.

Professor Raymond Firth,
London School of Economics and
Political Science,
Houghton Street,
ALDWYCH, London, W.C.2.,
England.

Davidson leaves tomorrow night for seven weeks in Singapore, but why I haven't heard.

Hoping you won't mind my using you as a referee and with best wishes for 1956 from Helen Sheils and Nancy Phelan (both of whom are leaving the Commission) and myself,

Yours ever,

Sean.

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

6th January, 1956.

Dear Sir Ronald,

Now that I have retired and am a free man I hope to take up the position of Senior Research Fellow in Pacific Islands History at the Australian National University.

This post was offered to me a couple of years ago but I was at the time not in a position to accept it. It has again been advertised, with applications to be in by the end of this month, and I anticipate that competition will be reasonably keen.

May I ask a last favour of you: to be a referee for me? I would not worry you on a purely personal matter like this but no one knows so well my service career in the Pacific and my genuine interest in the islands and their peoples. And I am aware, too, that a word from you is worth a lot in National University circles since you have done much to help their research workers in Fiji.

All that being a referee involves is, I gather, answering a few questions (sometime in March most probably) as to my being literate, of reasonable morals, etc. Raymond Firth has kindly agreed to vouch for my more academic qualifications.

Perhaps I should explain that my aim, if I succeed in getting to the Australian National University, is to concentrate on two main projects: a History of Traders and Trading in the Pacific and a more general study of the Central Pacific Equatorial Islands (which in effect means the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony).

His Excellency,
Sir Ronald Garvey, K.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., M.B.E.,
Governor of Fiji,
Government House,
SUVA, Fiji.

I must confess that I am enjoying my first week of retirement, though I seem to be busier than before.

With best wishes for 1956 to Lady Garvey and yourself from us both,

Yours ever,

Ellis.

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

13th January 1956.

My dear Harry,

Your letter of 5th January has just arrived. I am glad that Jim Davidson is still pursuing the possibility of getting you to the National University, and I hope he succeeds. I am complimented by your wish to give my name as a referee and of course will be delighted to act as such. Whether my stock is still as high in the National University as it was is a matter of some doubt, but I hope I can be of use.

With all kind regards, and best wishes to Helen Sheils and Nancy Phelan too.

Yours ever,

Raymond Firth

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Wahroonga,
N.S.W., Australia.

C/o Department of Psychology,
Victoria University College,
P.O. Box 196,
Wellington, C.1. New Zealand,
27th January 1956.

By Air Mail

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

My Dear Maude,

I have just received your letter of December 30th on my return from a January holiday.

I was of course very sorry to hear of your retirement from the South Pacific Commission, although I can understand quite well the way in which a purely organizational job has no further challenges for you. I think it is a good idea to have leisure now for research and writing and I do hope that the Australian National University will seize the opportunity of capturing you with a Senior Fellowship. I will be only too glad to act as a referee and to write what I hope would be a completely persuasive letter in your favour.

My wife and I look forward to seeing you in Wellington, if and when the opportunity comes for you to visit us.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

2 Netherby Street,
Wahroonga, N.S.W.,
27th January, 1956.

The Registrar,
Australian National University,
Box 4, G.P.O.,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

I should be glad to be considered as an applicant for the position of Senior Fellow in Pacific History, recently advertised in the Australian press.

You will recollect that I was an applicant for this appointment in 1953 but had to withdraw as I was unable at the time to leave the service of the South Pacific Commission. I understand from Professor J.W. Davidson that as a result of this previous application you have on file all personal particulars regarding me that you require with the exception of the names and addresses of my referees. These are as follows:-

(i) Professor Raymond Firth,
London School of Economics and Political Science,
Houghton Street, Aldwych, London W.C.2.

(ii) Sir Ronald Garvey, K.C.M.G., M.B.E.,
Government House, Suva, Fiji.

(iii) Professor Ernest Beaglehole,
Department of Psychology,
Victoria University College,
P.O. Box 196, Wellington, N.Z.

As I have retired from the Commission I am now in a position to accept employment with the National University, should I be fortunate enough to be selected.

Yours faithfully,

H.E. Maude.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
SUVA, FIJI.

24th January, 1956.

My dear Harry,

Many thanks for your letter of the 6th January informing me that now you have retired from the South Pacific Commission you hope to take up the position of Senior Research Fellow in Pacific Islands History at the Australian National University.

I seem to remember that you told me about two years ago that this post had been offered to you, and that you found the prospect very attractive. Of course I shall be very happy indeed to be a referee for you. I see from what you say that it will not be an arduous task and that the initiative will come from the University, so that I need do no more than await the receipt of their questionnaire.

I certainly hope that you land the job because it would make a great addition to Pacificana if you were able to devote time to the writing of a history of traders and trading in the Pacific, as well as a general study of the Central Pacific Equatorial Islands.

With kind regards to both you and Honor in which my wife joins.

Yours as always,

Ronald G.

P.S. Please drop this formal "Sir" business!

H.E. Maude, Esquire, O.B.E.,
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3rd February, 1956.

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

Dear Mr. Maude,

I have received your letter of 27th January and note that you wish to be considered for appointment as Senior Fellow in Pacific History.

We have your particulars on our files and it will not, as you suggest, be necessary for you to let me have further information. I would, however, be grateful if you could let me have two passport size photographs of yourself.

I will let you have the result of your application as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

(R.A. HOHNEN)
Registrar

2 Netherby Street,

WAHROONGA, N.S.W.,

5th ~~January~~ February, 1956.

Mr R.A. Hohnen,

Registrar, Australian National University,

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

Dear Mr Hohnen,

In response to the request in your letter 6.2.0.144 of the 3rd February, I am enclosing herewith 2 passport size photographs of myself.

I am sorry not to have sent them with my application.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude.

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12th March, 1956

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

Dear Harry,

This is just a note to let you know that there should not be much delay in reaching a decision on the appointment. When I returned from my trip the week before last, I found that there were still a few referees' reports to come in. Since then, most of these have arrived and I have asked for a meeting of the Electoral Board on Thursday of this week. If a firm conclusion is reached there, the Board of Graduate Studies will deal with the appointment on the 23rd. After that, the Council has to make the appointment, but its action is normally a purely formal one. I think that the Vice-Chancellor will agree to your being informed of developments after the Board of Graduate Studies. I hope that in that way you will know what is happening well before you leave for the South Pacific Conference.

Owing to Nadel's death, the Council has asked me to stay in Canberra to act as Dean of the School for two months. That means that I shall have to miss the South Pacific Conference. In other circumstances, Derek Freeman would have gone in my place but he is now unavailable, as he has to run the Department of Anthropology. I think we shall be unrepresented on this occasion.

I think Alaric should know, before it is too late, whether he has to cope with the Melbourne or the Sydney syllabus.

Yours ever,

J.W. Davidson

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16 March 56

Dear Harry,

Honor tells me you are due back from Suva on Sunday. This is most fortunate, as it will give us an opportunity to discuss a complication which has arisen over the appointment. The situation is this:

1. You quite satisfactorily 'head the poll';
2. Questions were raised as to how far the publications listed should be regarded as adequate (& adequately academic) for a senior permanent appointment; members of the committee expressed the desire to settle down and digest them;
3. The committee accepted the fact that Firth, E. Beaglehole, & I regarded you as an excellent candidate, but weren't

prepared to be led too far on the basis of our opinions.

The result is that they suggested we might ask, as we did in another case (in physics), and offer you a Senior Research Fellowship (3-5 years), with the understanding that the permanent post would not be filled by any one else in the meantime. (The Vice-Chancellor, who is very cautious in these matters, didn't wish to give you a formal, written guarantee that we should keep the permanent position vacant, but there would be an informal understanding.) When you had had time to get some work completed & published, the question of permanent appointment as Senior Fellow or Reader would be taken up. This would not, under present rules, involve re-advertisement, since the permanent position had already been offered & you had been the strongest candidate for it.

From the salary point of view, there would not be a great deal in it:

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an initial salary of £2,200 is proposed rising to £2,350 over two years.

If you feel that this proposition is acceptable, it can go to the Board of Graduate Studies on Friday, 23rd.

If, on the other hand, you feel you must ask for permanence now, the Electoral Board is quite prepared to consider it, but its members would then want to get to work passing publications.

I think, myself, that it would probably be best for us to talk over these possibilities. I couldn't get to Sydney myself before Thursday. Would you have a chance of coming to Canberra earlier than that? — or are your reactions sufficiently clear-cut now to necessitate an early meeting?

Yours ever,

J. W. Davidson

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TELEGRAPHIC AND CABLE ADDRESS:
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Ref. 6.2.0.144. 18th April, 1956.

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

Dear Mr. Maude,

I am very pleased to be able to offer you an appointment as Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Pacific History for three years. It has been agreed that the Readership in this Department which was advertised shall remain vacant for the time being, the Electoral Committee deciding in two or three years' time whether to recommend that the Readership be filled and, if so, whether after advertisement or by offering you promotion.

I attach two copies of the conditions of appointment. If, as I very much hope, you wish to accept the appointment, would you please sign one copy and return it to me.

Your Commencing salary will be at the rate of £2,200 per annum in the range £1,900 to £2,350. Would you let me know when you hope to take up the appointment? This normally dates from the day of your arrival in Canberra.

I will make arrangements for the medical examination mentioned in the conditions of appointment after I have received your acceptance.

May I offer my congratulations on your appointment to this position?

Yours sincerely,

R.A. Hohnen

(R.A. HOHNEN)
Registrar

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SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS

CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

1. (a) Salary -

The salary range for Senior Research Fellows is £A1900-£A2350 per annum. The commencing salary may be fixed within this range, and, if the appointment is made for a period of more than one year, annual increments of £A75 will be granted on the 1st July beginning in the first calendar year after the year of appointment until the top of the range is reached.

(b) Superannuation -

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

(c) Travelling and removal expenses -

(i) Resident in Australia

Reasonable travel and removal expenses will be paid. Three quotations for removal expenses should be submitted in advance to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration.

(ii) Resident outside Australia

Fares -

A grant will be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor in each case. In the case of Senior Research Fellows travelling from the United Kingdom the grant will be £stg.200. Three-fifths of the grant will be available for the journey to Australia. The remaining two-fifths will be held by the University until the expiry of the Senior Research Fellowship and will be paid to the Senior Research Fellow whether he continues in the service of the University, remains in Australia or returns overseas.

A married Senior Research Fellow accompanied by his wife will receive a double grant. For children travelling with the family the following additional grants will be paid:-

Children under 1 year of age	Nil
Children over 1 year and under 3 years	¼ grant
Children over 3 years and under 12	½ grant
Dependent children over 12 years	Full unit grant

Removal Expenses

Removal expenses will not normally be paid unless furnished accommodation cannot be provided by the University. In this case the Senior Research Fellow will be informed as to the contribution payable by the University.

2. Tenure -

Appointment will be subject to the receipt of a satisfactory medical report following an examination by a physician designated by the University.

The term of a Senior Research Fellowship will normally be three years but the Council may extend a Senior Research Fellow's tenure to five years. (In special cases Senior Research Fellows will be appointed for periods of less than three years but in no case for a period of less than three academic terms. Special arrangements will be made concerning the emoluments and allowances of persons appointed for periods less than three years). A Senior Research Fellow who has completed the term of his appointment is ineligible for reappointment as a Senior Research Fellow. The Council may terminate the appointment of a Senior Research Fellow at any time for incapacity, inefficiency or misconduct. Except by special arrangement with the Council a Senior Research Fellow is required to give six months notice if he desires to resign his Senior Research Fellowship before the expiration of the term for which he was appointed.

3. Outside Work -

A Senior Research Fellow shall not -

(a) sit in Parliament; or

(b) engage in paid outside work of any kind or undertake or conduct any paid occupation or business or engage in the practice of any profession without the permission of the Council. Permission, in general terms, will be given in respect of a reasonable amount of such outside work as examining, lectures, and broadcasting, and for the purposes mentioned in paragraph 5.

4. Duties -

A Senior Research Fellow shall devote the whole of his time to the duties of his office. It shall be the primary duty of a Senior Research Fellow to devote himself to research and the advancement of knowledge in his subject under the supervision of the Head of his Department.

5. Leave -

(a) Visits to other Universities, etc.

A Senior Research Fellow may, with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Director or Dean, visit other Universities and educational or research institutions, for the purpose of delivering courses of lectures or assisting in research work, and generally for the purpose of maintaining good relations with other bodies interested in teaching and research in Australia. Leave may also be granted for short periods for travel or for attending meetings in Australia where such travel is for purposes connected with the research or other duties of the Senior Research Fellow. In these cases a Senior Research Fellow will receive travelling expenses consisting of fares and a travelling allowance.

(b) Field Work

When a Senior Research Fellow is required to carry out research work in the field during the tenure of his appointment, he will receive an allowance for travelling

expenses and certain other expenses from the University. The University will not normally meet the expenses of a Senior Research Fellow's wife and family should he wish them to accompany him to the field.

(c) Sick Leave

A member of staff who is temporarily incapacitated by illness will be entitled to such sick leave, and on such conditions, as the Council in its discretion determines.

7. Patent Rights -

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

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

R.A. HOHNEN
Registrar

22nd February, 1956.

2 Netherby Street,
Wahroonga, N.S.W.,
29th May, 1956.

The Registrar,
Australian National University,
Box 4, G.P.O.,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Dear Mr Hohnen,

I am sorry not to have replied before to your letter 6.2.0.144 of the 18th April offering me an appointment as Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Pacific History for a period of three years. I understand, however, that my wife acknowledged its receipt and informed you that I was then in Fiji attending the South Pacific Conference.

On my return I found it impossible to reply pending the receipt of the Secretary of State for the Colonies' approval of my accepting the appointment, which is only now forthcoming, and the resolution of various domestic problems, on which the date of my assumption of duty had necessarily to be dependent.

I am now in a position to state that I am willing to accept the position offered, under the terms and conditions set out in your letter and its enclosure, subject to acceptable accommodation being available at Canberra for my family.

In view, however, of the fact that the appointment is for a period of three years only it will unfortunately not be possible for me to undertake the research programme envisaged at the time of my submitting an application for the permanent position and agreed to by Professor J.W. Davidson, i.e. the preparation of a History of Traders and Trading in the Pacific Islands, since this work could not be completed within the time limit. I would therefore propose, with the approval of Professor Davidson, to complete one or two short-term projects pending a decision as to my employment on a permanent basis.

I am prepared to commence work at Canberra on the 1st January, which is approximately the date on which my present vacation leave expires. During the interim it is my intention to engage in historical research at the Mitchell Library and elsewhere, at my own expense.

I should be most grateful if you could kindly advise me in the event of any suitable accommodation offering, whereupon I will arrange to come to Canberra to see it. I should like to move into my house fairly early in December and spend the rest of the month settling in, arranging my books and papers, etc. Naturally I should expect to pay rent during this period but not to receive salary.

I am returning herewith one copy of the conditions of appointment, duly signed as requested, and shall await your notification as to the time and place of my medical examination.

Thank you for your congratulations; I am looking forward to a period of useful work at Canberra.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude.

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Ref. 6.2.0.144. 7th June, 1956.

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

Dear Mr. Maude,

I was glad to get your letter dated 29th May though this only seems to have reached the University on 6th June. I am very glad that you have accepted our offer of appointment.

With regard to the medical examination : I should be glad if you would make an appointment with Dr. F.L. Ritchie, 225 Macquarie Street; he will send the report and account direct to us.

With regard to housing : it would probably be an advantage both to you and to us if you and perhaps Mrs. Maude, too, could come up to Canberra fairly soon as the longer you wait the more difficult it may be to suggest suitable accommodation. Could you let me know how soon you could come.

The other arrangements you have suggested in your letter with regard to the date of your removal to Canberra and the date of taking up your appointment are perfectly satisfactory.

We much look forward to welcoming you both in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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(R.A. HOHNEN)
Registrar.

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25th May, 1956.

Ref. 6.2.0.144

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

Dear Mr. Maude,

From what Professor Davidson told me of his last talk with you and from a recent letter we have received from the Governor of Fiji, I understand that you are intending to accept our offer of appointment but we do not appear to have received your answer to the offer contained in our letter of 18th April. It occurs to me that this may have possibly gone astray but perhaps you will let me know the position.

Yours sincerely,

(R.A. HOHNEN)
Registrar.

2 Netherby Street,
Wahroonga, N.S.W.,
29th July, 1956.

The Registrar,
The Australian National University,
Box 4, G.P.O., CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

In conformity with the request in your letter 6.2.0.144 of the 7th June, I was medically examined by Dr F.L. Ritchie on the 18th July and expect that he has by now sent in his report to you.

Before this examination Dr Ritchie required me to obtain a chest x-ray from Dr B.P. Anderson Stuart, for which I paid a fee of £3.3.0.

I enclose my receipt for this payment and should be grateful if the expenditure could be refunded in due course.

Yours faithfully,

H.E. Maude.

2 Netherby Street,
Wahroonga, N.S.W.,
3rd July, 1956.

Mr R.A. Hohnen,
Registrar, Australian National University,
Box 4, G.P.O., CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Dear Mr Hohnen,

Thank you for your letter 6.2.0.144 of the 7th June, regarding my appointment to the Australian National University. I am glad to hear that the suggested arrangements for moving to Canberra and the date of assuming duty are acceptable.

I have made an appointment to be medically examined by Dr F.L. Ritchie: also for a chest x-ray with Dr J. Anderson Stuart.

As regards housing: I am sorry that I could not suggest a date for visiting Canberra on this matter until now. Unfortunately we sold our car a few weeks ago and have only now taken delivery of a new one; and we were very anxious to come by car as it gives us so much more freedom of movement.

Would it be convenient if my wife and I came to Canberra on Thursday the 19th July and left again on Sunday? This would give us Friday and Saturday to see anything likely to be on offer, as well as to visit friends.

If this is all right perhaps your office would kindly arrange for us to stay somewhere (warm) for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights? As we are not very fast drivers and don't know the road I doubt us getting to Canberra till latish on Thursday.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude.

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BOX 4, G.P.O.
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Ref. 6.2.3.26.

9th July, 1956.

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

Dear Mr. Maude,

We were glad to receive your letter of 3rd July, 1956 and to know that you could come up to Canberra on the 19th. I have reserved accommodation for you and Mrs. Maude at University House, which you should find warm and comfortable. As you expect to arrive fairly late on Thursday, I suggest that you should look in at our offices on Friday morning when we can discuss housing possibilities.

Yours sincerely,

(D.K.R. HODGKIN)
Assistant Registrar.

Canberra
18.7.56

Dear Mr. Maude,

Many thanks for your letter, which I answer hurriedly with hopes of reaching you before you leave tomorrow night.

We are so glad to hear that you are coming up. I'll look forward to seeing you on Friday. As far as I know, I'll be in my office the whole day.

The point of this letter is to mention one or two points on the entertainment side. I don't know whether you are already booked up, but if not, we'd like to have you out to our place one of the ~~two~~ nights, whichever suits you. We could have a few people in and have a yarn. -- Also, on Friday afternoon, in the "upper private dining room" of University House, at 5.30, the Vice-Chancellor is giving a cocktail party for Dr. Edmund Leach of Cambridge. Leach, as you probably know, is one of the up and coming British anthropologists; at present he is out here by invitation of the University, to consider taking the vacant chair in Anthrop. I have mentioned to the Vice-Chancellor's secretary that you might be in Canberra, so if you and Mrs. Maude wish to come along to this, that would be fine.

I hope you find the housing opportunities to your liking. You might keep in mind that there has been mention of a house coming up soon with central heating - one of the few around here. When you see Miss Harvey, perhaps she can give you some definite information on it.

Will leave the other points until later. Will be looking forward to seeing you.

All best wishes,

Yours,

Derek G

2 Netherby Street,
Wahroonga, N.S.W.,
27th July, 1956.

Miss D. Harvey,
Australian National University,
Box 4, CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Dear Miss Harvey,

I promised to let you know on my return to Sydney how we felt about the houses you so kindly showed us during our recent visit to Canberra.

I do hope that you will not think me difficult when I say that the only house I found really suitable was the one at present occupied by Professor Partridge, though I imagine that those on the opposite side of the road which we were unable to view would be as attractive.

My only demur at the house in Wells Gardens is the absence of a garage and anywhere to store our effects: it would scarcely seem worthwhile my building one for a three year tenure, especially as we already have the expense of buying our furniture to face.

There remains the flat in Tasmania Circle. At the time I felt that it would be a temporary solution until such time as a house became vacant: it certainly is nice inside with wonderful cupboard space.

On thinking things over, however, I fear that the lack of privacy would very rapidly get on my nerves and that this would adversely affect my work. The unfortunate fact is that having lived most of our lives on isolated islands, and here in Sydney in a secluded garden, we have developed a deep need for privacy and seclusion.

So we are hoping that one of the houses in Landsborough Street will become available or that something else will turn up, in which case do please let us know and we shall be up within a few hours.

Very many thanks indeed for all the trouble you took over us. We both enjoyed our visit thoroughly.

Yours sincerely,

HRB.

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Ref. 6.2.3.26.

2nd August, 1956.

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

Dear Mr. Maude,

Thank you for your letter of 29th July, 1956. Dr. Ritchie's report on your medical examination is quite satisfactory and I am therefore able to confirm your appointment as Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Pacific History.

I am arranging for the sum of £3.3.0 to be sent to you to cover the cost of the chest X-ray.

Yours sincerely,

for (R. A. HOHNEN)
Registrar.

2 Netherby Street,
Wahroonga, N.S.W.,
23rd October, 1956.

Mr R.A. Hohnen,
Registrar, Australian National University,
Box 4, G.P.O., CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Dear Mr Hohnen,

I should like to confirm the informal intimation already given by my wife to Miss D. Harvey to the effect that I am willing to accept the offer to rent me the end flat in the University housing block at Tasmania Circle, until such time as more suitable accommodation becomes available.

I propose, subject to your consent, to move the first portion of our effects into this property on or about the 11th December and suggest that my tenancy should be regarded as commencing as from that date.

As I am purchasing furniture and other requisites for the flat from firms who are willing to grant reduced prices to members of a recognized University I should be grateful if I could be given a letter certifying that I am a member of the A.N.U. staff.

Would you also kindly let me know the full postal address of the flat, to enable me to notify correspondents?

I am returning under separate cover the plans of various other properties which Miss Harvey kindly lent to my wife during her recent visit to Canberra.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude.

2 Netherby Street,
Wahroonga, N.S.W.,
23rd October, 1956.

Professor E. Beaglehole,
Department of Psychology,
Victoria University College,
P.O. Box 196,
WELLINGTON, New Zealand.

Dear Professor Beaglehole,

I have been wanting to write and thank you for so kindly sponsoring my application for a Fellowship at the Australian National University, but have delayed action until I could let you know the final result.

This has taken far longer than I had anticipated, largely owing to difficulties connected with securing suitable accommodation in Canberra. The last obstacle has apparently now been surmounted, however, and I am to commence work on the 1st January.

In the meantime I have been busy getting my own library and manuscript notes catalogued and put into some sort of order. I never realized that I had collected so much material during the past 25 years.

The University has appointed me for 3 years in the first instance, with the possibility of making it permanent at the end of this period. This means that I shall probably have to work on some shorter term project than the contemplated history of traders and trading, to start off with, and I'm hoping that Jim Davidson will let me tackle the history of the Central Pacific Islands as I believe that this could be done in the time. He is away in England at the moment.

One way and another I am feeling very pleased at getting this chance to do what I have always wanted to do - write on the islands - and I want to thank you most sincerely for making it possible. I say this deliberately because Davidson told me that you had been very generous in your remarks about me and that your letter, phrased as it was and coming from one of your standing in the academic world, had carried very considerable weight with the members of the Selection Committee.

I only hope that I may be able to justify your confidence

by producing something worthwhile in the way of Pacific research.

With kind regards to your wife and yourself and again many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Maude.

2 Netherby Street,
Wahroonga, N.S.W.,
23rd October, 1956.

Professor Raymond Firth,
London School of Economics and
Political Science,
Houghton Street,
ALDWYCH, London, W.C.2, England.

Dear Raymond,

I have been wanting to write and thank you for so kindly sponsoring my application for a Fellowship at the Australian National University, but have delayed action until I could let you know the final result.

This has taken far longer than I had anticipated, largely owing to difficulties connected with securing suitable accommodation in Canberra. The last obstacle has apparently now been surmounted, however, and I am to commence work on the 1st of January.

In the meantime I have been busy getting my own library and manuscript notes catalogued and put into some sort of order. I never realized that I had collected so much material during the past 25 years.

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One way and another I am feeling very pleased at getting this chance to do what I have always wanted to do - write on the islands - and I want to thank you most sincerely for making it possible. I know that your backing carried very considerable weight with the members of the Selection Committee.

I only hope that I may be able to justify your confidence by producing something worthwhile in the way of Pacific research.

Helen Sheils has joined the Fiji Government in charge of arrangements for the higher education of students abroad,

Helen Walsh, who I believe you met with Jim Spillius, is likely to join her as she has secured a job with Morris Hedstroms, and Nancy Phelan is off to the Cook Islands for some months to advise, assist and train in visual aids.

With kindest regards and again many thanks,

Yours ever,

H.E. Maude.

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

Professor J.W. Davidson,
Australian National University,
Box 4, G.P.O., CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Dear Jim,

I don't know when you are due back but surmise that it must be within a few days, so I am sending this to Canberra to await your arrival. I deliberately refrained from writing to you in Europe as I remember how I used to dislike being importuned with requests for advice and assistence whenever I succeeded in making a break away from things.

We were a bit unlucky in our house hunting efforts and missed out in getting what we wanted on at least one occasion owing to there being someone else more senior or with more children. So in the end we perforce came back to where we started - the end flat in the Tasmania Circle block: a bit too over-looked for my liking but otherwise with many advantages.

The intention is to move our effects up on the 11th December and ourselves finally after Christmas, when Alaric goes away for his National Service. We have got him into Wesley College as a boarder next year (provided he gets through his exams during the next week or two) and he fortunately seems perfectly happy about the arrangement.

I have been busy during your absence putting my own documents and books into some sort of order - I never realised how time consuming such a job could be, but at any rate I think that I can now put my hand on most of the material which is more than I could boast before.

Apart from that I have been browsing at the Mitchell and at home and for the first time in my life reading just whatever I want to: it was really quite heavenly.

The main burden of this letter is to say that I have been thinking very long thoughts about what I can best do next year. It is, I believe, useless to commence a history of commercial development on a 3 year tenure of office: I should

need at least 2 years away from Canberra collecting information to begin with and at the end of my term would have little to show for all the time and energy spent; certainly nothing that would justify the authorities continuing the appointment on a permanent basis. Nor can I see how the work can very well be tackled piecemeal: the subject just doesn't lend itself to that sort of treatment.

What I should dearly like to do, if you can see your way to agree, is to try my hand out by writing a history of the Central Pacific Equatorial Islands and, while engaged on this, gradually collect the material for the long term project on trading.

This would enable me to gain confidence - which I badly need - by working on familiar material, nearly all of which I have with me or on call. Before two years are up I should have the completed work in the hands of the publishers, which might give the University sufficient confidence to ensure my term being extended at least long enough to enable me to complete the longer job, for which much would have by then been amassed and the remainder at least located.

I enclose a rough preliminary lay-out of what I have in mind - if you can agree to the proposal in principle the actual treatment of the subject matter will no doubt turn out to be rather different. As you will see it is one which can readily be divided into sections which can almost be written independently of each other, at least in the first draft.

In the hope of gaining your acquiescence I have been compiling a fairly complete list of references covering the area and have also indexed the manuscript material letter by letter. So I am in a position to start straight away without wasting a lot of time in hunting up books and documents. As I am scared stiff at the thought of Canberra I badly need something which I feel I can do successfully to bolster morale in the early period of settling in. Perhaps I could come up and have a talk when you are ready to receive?

I do hope that you have had a successful and enjoyable trip to Europe and that you have been able to move around freely despite political tensions. The time has simply raced since you went; particularly of recent weeks, after we began to pack and prepare for moving. What an appalling amount one accumulates in a few years.

Yours ever,

Reece

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

The Registrar,
Australian National University,
Box 4, G.P.O.,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

I enclose an estimate from Grace Bros. Pty. Ltd. amounting to £119, for the removal of my personal effects from Sydney to Canberra.

As most of the furniture and furnishings for the Tasmania Circle flat is being purchased from Grace Bros. it seemed preferable to arrange with that firm to undertake the removal operation, thus obviating double handling with consequent added expense, greater risk of damage and difficulty in establishing when any occurred.

Under these exceptional circumstances it would be appreciated if the requirement to produce three separate quotations could be waived.

Yours faithfully,

H.R. Maude.

201 Albany
London. NW1
20 Nov. 56

Dear Harry,

Despite your most considerate planning — for which I am all the more grateful, since your abstinence was not shared by others — your letter was late in reaching me in London. However, I shall assume your agreement to my giving it but the briefest acknowledgement. I leave on 1 December, spend a few days in India, & arrive in Canberra on the 12th. If you have stayed over-night we may perhaps meet that day. I go to NZ on the 21st & shall not be back till the ANZAAS meeting is over.

I think the Central Equatorial Islands plan is an excellent one. Your knowledge of that area should certainly be published sometime & in the circumstances, this seems the time. I have no comments worth making on the details of the plan.

Earlier in the year I was talking to Miss Fletcher of the L.M.S. about her friend whose name I have never got clear (it sounds

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like "Mrs 'Arris" — the owner of J.T. Arundel's papers). It happened that Miss F. was dining with Mrs — that evening; & she came back next morning with the message that the papers were still waiting for you & would not be shown to H. Luke or any one else, if there was a chance that you would eventually use them.

I am very pleased with what I have got for myself these last few months, here & in the French archives & from the Marists in Rome.

Yours ever,

Jim Davidson