

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM  
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA  
PHILADELPHIA March 3, 1933.

Dr. Ralph Getelman  
2011 Chestnut St.  
Philadelphia

My dear Dr. Getelman,

Thank you for the invitation to speak before the West Philadelphia Medical Association on my work in Brazil. My departure for that country having been postponed until the middle of April, I find nothing to interfere with such an engagement on the evening of the 28th of March. I do therefore accept your invitation, fully appreciative of the honor extended to me.

However, I am forced to charge a fee, which will be fifty dollars, exclusive of the costs of projection. This will amount to ten or fifteen dollars and will include operator's fee, rental of projectors and screen. If the Hotel Pennsylvania is equipped with this apparatus the cost will be less.

Should this be acceptable to the Association, please advise me soon, so that I can make the necessary arrangements. I am leaving for Boston to-night, but I shall be back by the end of next week.

In any case, let me again express my appreciation of your invitation, and cordially invite you to visit me at the Museum sometime, where I can show you some objects and pictures of Brazil that may interest you.

Very Sincerely yours,

P. S. I suggest as a title of the lecture -- "Jungle folk of Brazil".

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RALPH GETELMAN. M. D.  
2011 CHESTNUT STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

March 2nd, 1933.

Dr. Vincent Petrillo,  
Museum of the University of Pennsylvania.

My dear Doctor Petrillo-

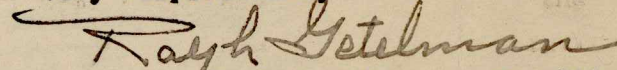
At the direction of the Board of Directors of the West Philadelphia Medical Association I am writing to ask whether you could favor our Society with your illustrated Lecture on your "Explorations in Brazil" or some other topic that you would care to present.

The meetings are held in the Hotel Pennsylvania, 39th and Chestnut Sts. on the 4th Tuesday evening of the month. The next meeting will be on March 28th at 9 P. M. The audience would be entirely composed of medical men, no ladies are invited, and the meeting is followed by a Supper.

Some of the members of our Board have heard your lecture and were so impressed with its value and beauty, that they are very anxious to have the members of the Society hear it, if you will do us that honor.

Your early reply will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,



Chairman, Program Committee.

*Salaskin*

March 1, 1933

Capt. Serge Salaskin  
c/c Senor Jug Sergio Conradi  
Calle 15 de Agosto 774  
Asuncion, Paraguay

Dear Capt. Salaskin:-

Perfilieff has written to me that you are lying wounded in the hospital at Asuncion. I hope that you will recover soon and that this accident will not interfere with your activities.

You are heartily invited to join me on my next undertaking in Mato Grosso. I have expectations of leaving for Brazil sometime in April, but my plans have not taken definite form as yet. I shall be engaged in anthropological work in the Upper Xingu, a companion will collect botany, and there is some possibility that zoology and archaeology will also receive our attention. The expedition will be devoted to scientific research and nothing else. Incidentally, since we shall be in a country which is largely unexplored we may also do some geographical work. The project will last about a year. If possible either the Xingu or the Tapajos will be descended after the tribes on the Kuluseu and Kuluene have been studied.

I cannot at this time make you a formal proposal as to your duties or honorarium. On the former point, I can say that you would probably be in charge of the men, equipment, transportation, etc., and if possible I would like to see you take part in the scientific work.

Please let me know something of your plans and the conditions acceptable to you should this expedition materialize.

Again let me express my hope that you will leave the hospital completely recovered.

Cordially yours,

Vincenzo M. Petruccio.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA

THE COLLEGE

April 12, 1933.

ANTHROPOLOGY

Mr. H. I. McLean  
Controller  
University of Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McLean,

I have a grant from the Faculty Research  
Committee of \$70.00, for the purpose of studying  
Delaware Peyoteism. (Special Research Fund, grant no. 12)  
To date I have carried on the research on my own funds  
to the sum of \$19.50. spent as follows:

Pay for informant	\$13.50
Purchase of Peyote	3.50
Preparation of Peyote	<u>2.50</u>
Total	\$ \$19.50

I should like to be reimbursed for this amount and also  
draw \$20.00 on the rest of the grant which will be used  
for further paying of informants.

Very truly yours,

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM  
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA  
PHILADELPHIA

June 1, 1933.

Dr. H. S. Oberly  
Secretary, Faculty Research Committee  
College Hall

Dear Dr. Oberly,

I hereby make application for a renewal of the grant no. 139. No portion of it has been used to date, my departure for Brazil having been postponed for several months.

Very truly yours,

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM  
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA  
PHILADELPHIA

June 1, 1933.

Dr. H. S. Oberly  
Secretary, Faculty Research Committee  
College Hall

Dear Dr. Oberly,

I hereby make application for an extension of the balance of Grant no. 126, amounting to \$39.50.

In accordance with the project placed before the Committee certain additional information on Delaware-Ind. Peyotism was obtained from two Delaware informants visiting Philadelphia. Correspondence with members of the tribe has produced further valuable material. The study of "Delaware Peyotism" is now ready for the press, and, it is hoped, it will be published soon, probably in book form. The extension is requested in order to enable me to procure information which may clarify several obscure points, which will be published in a separate paper.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the committee for the aid extending to me, which made possible the completion of the above study.

Very truly, yours,

TO Vincent M. Petrullo GRANT NO. 126  
FROM The Faculty Research Committee  
SUBJECT Second notice to apply for continuation of your grant for the  
period beyond June 30, 1933  
DATE MAY 25 1933

Applications for the extension of any grant for a period beyond June 30, 1933 must be in the hands of the Committee not later than June 1, 1933. Up to the present date the Committee has not received a reply from you. This is to remind you that any unexpended balance will be returned to the Fund if you do not make the necessary application for an extension if you wish it.

When applying for an extension, the Committee wishes to have the following information:

- (1) Balance in Grant on date of application for an extension.
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H. S. Oberly, Secretary  
108 College Hall.

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Date of Grant JAN 16 1933  
Expiration JUN 30 1933

DATE APR 18 1933

At the time of notification of your grant, you were informed that any balance which existed at the date of expiration might be re-appropriated upon application to the Faculty Research Committee.

If you wish to have an extension granted, kindly supply the Committee with the following information:

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- (3) Special reasons or circumstances which may influence the Committee in recommending an extension of time.
- (4) If you wish to return an unexpended balance to the Special Research Fund, report it to the Committee.
- (5) If you will not be able to use all or a portion of your grant before June 30, 1933, are you willing to permit the Committee to appropriate such an amount from their budget for July 1, 1933 - June 30, 1934; thereby giving the Committee an opportunity to use funds for other workers before June 30, 1933? (The Committee has a balance of approximately \$500 for appropriation before June 30, 1933. A temporary release of funds on the part of grantees who are not using their grants between now and June 30, 1933 will aid the Committee materially.)

Applications for extension of grants must be in the hands of the Committee not later than June 1, 1933.

H. S. Oberly, Secretary  
103 College Hall.

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UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Office of Secretary  
108 College Hall

Philadelphia

March 20, 1933.

My dear Mr. Petruzzo:

I know that the Faculty Research Committee does not wish to have you release the grant of \$750 if there is an opportunity for you to leave for Brazil before July 1, 1933.

I am sure that you understand the reason for asking the information in my letter of March 14th. It appears that there is close to \$600 available from other grantees who know definitely that their funds will not be needed before July 1st. This will be of material assistance to the Committee in caring for applications this spring.

Cordially yours,

*H. S. Oberly*  
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Secretary

Vincenzo Petruccio,  
American Consulate,  
Caracas, Venezuela.

Caracas, Venezuela.  
August 16th, 1933.

Dr. Randolph C. Downes,  
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey,  
Historical Building,  
Pittsburgh, Penn. U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Downes:

Your letter has finally come to hand, and I regret that it was not answered sooner. I am at present in Venezuela, and thus far away from a Library; but I shall try to give a personal view on the questions that you ask me in your letter.

The view that the Indian women were treated practically as slaves by the menfolk, is old and based on very little data of a cursory nature. Investigators who have visited tribes little or entirely untouched by the white civilization, in recent time, almost unanimously claim that the women are treated very well indeed, although they share in the work of the tribe. Generally there are certain tasks given over to the women, and are for the most part the easier ones. When the women are forced to do hard works it is generally because the men are forced to act as guards or to give their attention to hunting. In my experiences, both with the Indians in the States and Canada, and in Paraguay and Brazil, I have been sincerely amazed at the consideration shown to the women and the power of the women in directing decisions of a personal, family and comunal importance. I notice this particularly among the untouched tribes of the upper Xingu in Brazil. Being acquainted with own civilized treatment to women and the domestic conduct of man and woman towards each other, I can only make the comparison by eulogies that might be considered poetical and extravagant in favor of the aborigens. Such consideration as is shown to each other by husband and wife, I have never seen among any other people, whether Latin, Teutonic, Slavic, nor among the Negroes, except in individual cases.

In reference to your second question: the infliction of torture is common among not only many Indian tribes, but also among many other people in the world. If we include in the word "torture" the performance of minor operations on the body, such as scratching, the use of ligatures, I would say that torture was universally used in connection with magico-religious ceremonies. I believe that such "torture" is to be found among tribes uncontaminated by whites, and there is indicative evidence that it was to be found among the Indians before the Discovery.

I would suggest that you write Dr. F. G. Speck of the University, who is deeply interested in these subjects and, I am certain, would be delighted to exchange viewpoints on it. Were I near a Library or Bibliography, I might suggest a number of sources, but under the conditions I hesitate to do so; however should you be interested in this problem at the time of my return, perhaps in the Fall, I shall be very glad to send you some concrete materials.

I do not think that there is any difficulty in reconciling the practice of torture with the "composure of the Indian state of mind". It is of course difficult to discuss the problem in such general terms, but if you will accept the answer in equal general terms, which may not be applicable in concrete cases, I would say that, first of all, the "composure" of the Indian mind was a product of their understanding of their relationship to the rest of the world; that they needed to perform certain ceremonies to maintain the organization and integration of the Universe as created. The second point follows, namely, that infliction of torture was necessary to keep the state of well-being in the entire world. Please understand that this is a personal view, and that it is almost meaningless unless I were to define my terms, and of course give my reasons for such statements. I should like indeed to discuss these problems with you some time, since it is one of the realms of Anthropology that I am especially interested in.

I am glad to learn that you will give a course on "American Indian Affairs"; it undoubtedly will prove interesting and important; let me extend my best wishes for its success.

My Peyote study has not been published yet; I hope to do so in the Fall. It may answer some of the questions that you have asked, at least in respect to one tribe.

Let me once more express my regret that I have not been able to give a full and adequate reply to your most interesting questions at this time, and that I shall be very glad indeed to be of any assistance to you at any time. Perhaps we can get together on my return to the States.

Cordially yours,

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Vincenzo Petruccio

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April 19, 1933

Dr. Vincent M. Petrullo  
University Museum  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Petrullo:

I have just returned from Chicago where I read a paper entitled "The Frontier from the Indian Point of View" at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. In the course of the discussion, Dr. Joseph Schafer of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin introduced statements to the effect that the Indians were generally pretty hard on their women, making them practically their slaves. Although it was my impression that the women did what was closest to our concept of "work," I have absorbed the impression from my general reading that the lives of Indian women were rather enjoyable. Can you indicate to me where I might find more accurate information on the matter?

I have also recently read Catlin's descriptions of certain self-torture religious ceremonies among the Mandans. I am trying to reconcile this kind of thing to my present understanding of the composure of the Indian state of mind. Is such torture infliction exceptional or common? Was it to be found among tribes uncontaminated by whites? Where can I find out about this? Perhaps what I need is a more adequate understanding of the elements of anthropology and ethnology. Feel at liberty to suggest anything along this line that occurs to you.

I am writing to you because historians are quite unsatisfactory on this line - and I don't know any anthropologists or ethnologists. I remember your paper at State College last fall on peyote and have read a recent article in the Pittsburgh Press based on an interview with you. I hope eventually to construct a course at the University of Pittsburgh in American History entitled "American Indian Affairs."

Any help you can give me on this matter will be deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Randolph C. Downes*

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Cran

76 Elm Street  
Montclair, N.J.

[8/27/33]

Dear Mr. Petruzzo,

Was the Venezuelan trip successful, or is it still going on? If tropical countries maintain a temperature always relatively lower than that of the middle Atlantic Seaboard, it must be damned hot. For two months I escaped from the New York suburbs by being a councillor at a progressive camp for children 5 to 13 years old. It was situated in Vermont, the Green Mountains. The best feature was not the climate, *grazia*, but the interesting work with the children, as well as an introduction to this rather new method of education and handling them.

In all that time, however, I read but one book, and that a graduation present from a girl in Philadelphia -- Barbara Hart, if you recall her. No Anthropology, or even lighter reading. And now I am fancying myself as a

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journalist, quite embryonic except that I  
must ~~relish~~ nourish myself, and that has led  
me to begin the autobiography of Lincoln  
Steffens with a bibliography of two other  
histories of journalism in America. So the  
Incan studies must wait for a short time,  
though I intend to read as many as I can in  
case you can find some use for me on this  
Peruvian expedition, mentioned in one of our  
talks last Spring.

I may possibly be in Philadelphia for  
a short stay this fall, or to work in case  
the Record will hire me. In either case I will  
call at your Museum office as soon as I am  
able. As for graduate work, I have not yet  
reached that point in my own mind, beside  
feeling reluctant to ask my Father for fur-  
ther matriculation costs just now.

Good fortune in your undertakings,

*Philip B. Coan*

Philip Burr Coan

*Aug. 27, 1933*

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November 22, 1933

Mr. Vincenzo Petruzzo,  
University Museum,  
University of Penna.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Petruzzo:

As time goes on, I am more and more convinced that I should have launched the work that you suggested for me last year. I confess that the enterprise frightens me a little.

Two factors have moved me to think about it again --  
1 - Several requests from different sources - to quote one of them coming from the Social Service Department of one of our large hospitals: "We have so many Italian patients and we find ourselves so lacking in understanding of their characteristics. Can you recommend to me something to read, either fiction or otherwise which would help me and those associated with me to a more sympathetic understanding of the Italian character?"

I am forwarding some of the books you suggested to me last year and a few I know of. But one feels that that is not adequate.

The other factor has to do with a study being now outlined by a committee at the International Institute, with the purpose of revising and enlarging upon a study of foreign communities which we made in 1930.

I believe that you saw a copy of it and that you made some constructive criticisms on the section that dealt with racial background in particular.

As I am not taking any courses at the University at present, and if I should in the future take one, would only audit it. And as this study this year would be part of my work, I would have more time then before to give to it.

Would you be able to assist us and suggest the name of some people who might be of help?

Hopefully,  
*Aurora M. Unti*  
Aurora M. Unti,  
Italian Secretary

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM  
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA  
PHILADELPHIA

November 25, 1933.

Mr. Vincenzo M. Petru<sup>o</sup>llo,  
C/o American Consul,  
Caracas, Venezuela.

Dear Jimmy:

The boss received your letters of Nov, 10 and 12. We both feel that we haven't backed you up quite enough; we have fulfilled all your requests, I think, but have done nothing on our own initiative, so we thought we ought to start something.

Arcaya had called here in the summer when I was not here and had seen Jayne, but the latter felt that he had not been able to enthuse him, and felt that it might have been due to the necessity of talking in English, and that I had better run down and confer with him in Spanish, which I did yesterday. I do not feel that I had much better success. As you doubtless felt yourself, he is a typical diplomat, rather reticent and non-committal, hiding enthusiasms if he feels any, and the interview was not as long and personal as I had hoped. However he listened politely to all that I had to say, how such a foundation would perpetuate the name of the Benemerito forever, a la Carnegie and Rockefeller, the importance and urgency of the work, and the desirability of affording Jayne an official invitation to visit Guatemala. He promised to write an airmail letter to Gomez today, and I hope he does not forget it or that it was merely a promise not intended to be fulfilled. I presume he will. I had already prepared a cablegram to be sent to Gomez, and had first called at the Pan American Union and saw Gil Borges, Rowe being away in Montevideo. Borges corrected my telegram and thought it ok and I read it over to Arcaya who thought it proper to send, so it has just been cabled -- a rather long one, and expensive I suppose. Deferred, he should get it Monday morning at the latest, probably tomorrow, as there cannot be much service over those lines. I am also cabling you today giving you the above information as well as I could in twenty five words.

I took with me the copy of the project translated into Spanish which I let both Borges and Arcaya look over, and I promised to send Arcaya a copy. I will have several copies of this made, the original to go to Gomez, along with an official letter with the proper official seals, etc., as soon as the copy can be made, and a proper letter written and translated into better Spanish than I could do. I must carefully edit your Spanish copy of the project, as there are quite a few typographical errors, and these must be corrected before it is given to one of our girls to

copy. I enclose you a copy of the telegram to Gomez as I prepared it and as improved by Borges, who, as I presume you know, is a Venezuelan.

Borges said that it would not be proper for the Pan American to address the President directly, as all their contacts are through the ministers, but he will talk to Arcaya about it. Rowe might have done something directly. Jayne does not think that the State Department would want to take up such a question but will query some of his friends in the Department about it. He is very eager to go to Venezuela and help you to put over the project, but neither the Museum nor he personally can afford the funds necessary. Keep after them on the proposition of the official invitation.

Jayne either has, or will soon see, Penniman about the transfer of the Faculty Research funds, and I will see Oberly at earliest opportunity, probably Tuesday.

Arcaya personally has a great interest in anthropology, as I presume you know. He showed me a big book, a catalog of his library, I suppose, and said that he had just secured all the publications of Field Museum, for instance, my Santa Marta report being in the list.

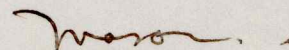
But now that I think it over, I'm very dubious about any Latin American endowing a foundation to be administered by a foreign institution; they are too chauvinistically patriotic. Jayne thinks so too, but thinks that the suggestion that we do the administering will leave us room for bargaining, although, if the project goes through at all, I presume some Venezuelan governmental organization will have to play a large part in it, and certain national pet anthropologists taken care of.

We are delighted that you are so enthusiastic about the ultimate success of the project, and with these cables and letters from Arcaya, things should come to a head soon, though I have little hope that it will be arranged by December 19, but go after it strong.

Your suggestion regarding appealing to alumni of the University, especially those in foreign countries, to join the Museum, struck us very favorably, and I think Jayne has already made a move in this direction, with a non-resident class of membership. I am certain that he will find funds for you to hang on a month or so longer, though he doesn't know where it will come from.

Little news around here, and I mustn't take another page. The Hall of Guatemala textiles is installed and now we are getting at the adjacent Maya Hall. Official opening Dec. 11, Recinos, Minister of Guatemala, to be guest of honor, La Farge to give address. Arcaya and Borges will be invited. Engagement of Eric Schmidt to society girl in Haverford announced in morning paper. This is day of Army-Navy game and a beautiful day. Great crowds now at high noon. Wish I were going, but I'd rather be off to Venezuela to help you put the project over. Piedras Negras expedition this spring still uncertain. Excuse errors and great luck and success to you.

Cordially,



Caracas  
December 2, 1933.

Dear Jefe:

I have your letter of the 25th. I presume that Jayne has not recovered from his malady. I hope he does soon.

Your telegram to General Gomez brought about action, but because of a new turnover, and imminent turnovers, the decision is that for the present nothing can be offered except the facilities of the country. I did not have enough money to go Maracay, so that my information has come through the Minister of the Interior, who is performing the duties of Secretary, (Formerly Requena's job), and my good friend. The matter was put up to him by the General, and his decision is that the country cannot afford it at present for political and economic reasons. He has insisted that he is interested and at last convinced of the importance of our proposal, and has asked me not to withdraw the offer, nor to insist on it now since he would have to give us an absolute no for an answer. His plan is to take up the matter in an obtrusive way by making a small grant for such work to the Academy of Natural Sciences, and to gradually increase it, etc..

A word of explanation as to conditions here. Coffee and cacao prices are so low that the planters will have to take a loss. There is talk that the government will either cheapen the currency or pay each planter ten bolivars per sack above the selling price. Customs receipts are very low this year.

2. Requena's fall has brought about a reaction against all "archaeology", and so little is anthropology understood here that it has proven impossible to disassociate it from archaeology. Requena is accused of having been free with the government's money to pursue his hobby, and naturally everything that he did in any field is in disrepute by the politicians as well as by the people in general who are potential politicians.

3. We are a foreign institution, and there would be criticism of the demagogic kind and more concretely based on the above. So, I fully understand how injudicious it is to accept our proposal now.

The American minister agrees with me that the government is more than nibbling at our bait, and he thinks that I ought not to drop the matter having gone so far, and to take the Minister of the Interior's hint that the future will have something for our science.

I have the deepest regrets that I have failed to put the thing through at this time, as I have been confident of doing. But everyone is scurrying to his hole, in fear that he may go next, and the General is unapproachable! (It would not do any good even if he were, since he understands nothing of such things, I am told. Anthropology in Venezuela, as a matter of fact, has no existence.) The only recourse left is patiently wait until the General is prepared to receive a suggestion, and matters calm down a little.

(By the way, the above should not give the impression that we have lost ground. As a matter of fact I believe that the ministers are glad that we appealed to the General since it relieved them of the responsibility of presenting the matter to him; the proposal has officially received the sanction of the Museum; and the answer is no worse than that sent to me through Dr. Jahn.)

Not having lost faith in the ultimate success, I urge that we continue , though following a different plan.

1. The American minister believes that the department of state will look favorably upon our project, and will grant its support. All that Summerlin wants is a formal notice from the government that I am a officialy of the Museum, and a request that he use his good offices in obtaining for me whatever I may require in the way of prestige, etc. As a matter of fact, if he could only present me officially, it would be an important step, and a desirable one. I suggest that chief of the Latin American Relations be approached directly. Summerlin himself has asked what we apply for such sanction of our project.

2. Keep in touch with the Pan-American.
3. Rouse interest of the home offices of the Oil companies.
4. Let me stay in Venezuela until the end of the rainy season, time to be spent in field work. This is the most important step from many points of view. Both the Ministers of the Interior, and Education, are keen that I do so.
5. At the earliest possible moment obtain an invitation for at least Jayne. I shall have to create a cause, since there is no apparent one just now.
6. Demonstrate the practicality of anthropological studies.

My stay here means more money, of course. My account is the following state:

Owe for October	Bs. 420
Nov. Board, etc	1200
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	1600

Exchange rate at 3180

Owe in dollars apprx \$400.00

This sum I must have immedeately since the bills are due, and also, if I am to move from Caracas, I must have money to pay current expenses.

The rainy season is giving signs of ending, and I have news that the roads to the interior are open somewhat. I can make a number of trips with employees of the oil companies at little if any cost.

My plan is to study the region between the Meta and Apure rivers. Its inhabitants are easy to reach, though unknown, and I have been offered help at a ranch bordering on the territory. To reach it I shall go to Ciudad Bolivar with a mail truck, and at the first opportunity go up the Orinoco. The exact grup that I would settle with I do not know as yet.

I calculate that to keep me in the country travelling in the interior, etc. for the enitre dry deason should not cost more than a thousand dollars. I shall travel alone with only one man to act as porter etc, and I can study some peacefully disposed tribe. The cost may be reduced considerably with luck, but I shall not let it go above that amount. The products would not only justify the cost, but would justify what it is cost already, produce excellent sales talk for the main project both here and at home; and, be of bf real value.

I shall take advantage , also of the oil companies' offer to visit their camps among the Maccao and other motilone groups, both for ethnological reasons and to foment interest among the oil companies. I have been assured that the companies would pay large sums to have the region studied and pacified, but the local

managers will not recommend any actio to the home offices until they are convinced that I know something of the country and the local problems. So, before I return to the Stetea I must by all means ~~the~~ visit the country. It could be sensational down here and would help us considerably.

I am so keen on doing some field work, that I am willing to live like a peon for a number of months in order to get something done, and I hope that some money will be found. I have a number of leads that I want to follow for raising money for future work, but I must have visited the country to pursue the possibilities. Then too, a number of articles on Venezuela will be very helpful to us.

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Will you send some of the photographs that Rossi took ?  
And has any of the film been accepted by Pathé ?

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My letter is longer than I expected it to be, but you can see that unless I get out in the field immedeately there is nothing more for me to do here. The libraries are consistently poor, and there is no local ethnology. I have been kept so much at ministers' doorknobs that I have not been able to look about much and I msut do that before leaving to further our interests.

So, only one urgent request for money to pay my bills, and if possible, to get out of Caracas immedeately. The battle isn't lost by any means and we must "vamos con Dios".

Will you to Guatmeal this spring ?

Best regards all around.

Caracas, Venezuela  
December 4, 1933.

Mr. Rogers McVaugh  
Department of Botany  
University of Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McVaugh:

I have not forgotten the fiasco of our projected trip to Brazil. I have always been under the impression that the delay would be of only a few months, but the news from the Museum has been consistently bad, and I doubt very much if enough money can be gotten together to put the expedition through.

I have been working in this country to found a research institute, and have not been able to bring matters to a head so far. Possibly I shall spend the next three or four months in the interior. I have been wondering if the University would permit you to use your funds for work in Venezuela. I can assure you that the botanical work is as interesting here as in Matto Grosso. My impression is that since Humboldt's research not much has been done in the interior. I have written to Mr. Jayne, the director of the Museum about this matter, and I urge you to go in to talk matters over with him. Perhaps we will go to Matto Grosso after all!

I have not done any field work principally because I have had to be in Caracas, and the rains have not permitted even short trips. The Plains are still flooded making travelling almost impossible except by boat.

Once more, let me repeat what I have so often felt and expressed; my regrets that I should have been the cause of interrupting your work and keeping you in suspense about your future activities. I shall consider it a real privilege if I can make some sort of amends to you in the future.

Best regards and perhaps a shred of hope!

Sincerely yours,

Vincenzo Petrullo

a/c Consulado Americano  
Caracas  
Venezuela

States two or three months. His knowledge of the country and its people is excellent, and on the whole I am convinced that he ought to produce a very interesting manuscript. You may mention the fact that I recommend you, if you write to him.

Sincerely yours,

Vincenzo Petruzzo

VP:AG

December 5, 1933

Mr. Reynolds E. Good,  
2344 Linn Street,  
Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Good:

I wish to acknowledge after some delays your postcard to Mr. Petruccio of November 11th. Mr. Petruccio is still in Venezuela and I have forwarded him your card but you will, no doubt, be gone to Brazil before you receive a reply. We sent you his publication on the Matto Grosso and I am sorry you had not received it when you wrote. Possibly it turned up later. If not, will you let us know your address in Brazil so that we can send you another copy?

We shall give every consideration to Mr. West's application for any work we may have in South America, but any decision thereon must, of course, await Mr. Petruccio's return.

Yours sincerely,

Horace H. F. Jayne  
DIRECTOR.

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM  
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA  
PHILADELPHIA

December 10, 1933.

Mr. M. L. Wilcox  
United Fruit Company  
Traffic Division  
Pier 3, New York

Dear Mr. Wilcox:

I am enclosing a complimentary order for transportation from Santa Marta to New York, which the Company issued to me last July. You will note that the order expires November 1, 1933.

I am writing to ask if the order could be extended to the Spring months. It is quite certain that I shall not finish my work before then. My last trip will be across the Goajira Peninsula to Santa Marta.

I had a fine trip on the Metapan in July, made especially pleasant by meeting aboard Dr. Wilson Popenoe. I am looking forward to the return trip on one of your boats.

Caracas  
December 11, 1933.

Miss Aurora M. Unti  
International Institute  
645 north 15th street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Unti:

Your letter of November 22 has been forwarded to me. I am glad that you are still interested in the psycho-sociological set-ups of the Italians in the States.

I am too far away to be of any real service to you, and in a few weeks I shall be out of communication with the civilized world. However, the trip will not last very long and there is a possibility that I shall return to Philadelphia in the late Spring.

Nothing comes to mind that I have not suggested before to you. The approach should always be scientific and should try to determine the fundamental forces that direct and control the Italians' way of thinking. Any modern sociologist should be able to help you with any study that you might undertake. Frankly, I doubt very much whether the people connected with the Christian Association are so free of prejudice and so well trained as to conduct a worthwhile study.

I know of no one who would be willing to give the time to such a project unless he were offered a considerable fee. Then too, a good study is possible only if the investigator knows Italian, Italian life, Italian history (social), etc., and there are few people who would qualify.

My brothers, Luigi and Giovanni, might be willing to help. They know enough of my own ideas to help you in outlining an approach, should you find need for that. I believe that Luigi was planning to conduct an investigation of his own along certain lines. However, both are quite busy studying and working, and I am not certain that they would be willing to contribute their training and knowledge without some compensation. I shall write to them and recommend that they assist as much as they can.

I am indeed sorry that I cannot be more helpful, for the study is very close to my interests. I have a manuscript which covers the ground fairly well, but it needs editing. Perhaps it will be published in book form some day. I would suggest that the Institute obtain funds to conduct the study in a professional way. The work cannot be done otherwise.

Cordial regards, and best wishes. By writing

to me at the Museum you will be able to keep in touch,  
you may be certain that I shall help in any way that  
I can. If you will let me know in exactly what phases  
of your projected study I could contribute something  
I shall gladly give it my attention.

Sincerely yours,

Vincenzo Petrullo  
a/c Legación Americana  
Caracas  
Venezuela, S. A.

P. S. My brothers live at  
60 Windermere Road  
Lansdowne



Caracas

December 18, 1933.

Mr. Arthur P. Rossi

Dear Art:

Thanks for the pictures and the card. Charlie, Ruffino, and Robert are highly pleased. Rincones received copies of pictures from his sister, and is also grateful.

Jayne has not sent me the rest, so that I have no idea of what we have. I myself have not been doing any photographing, but I hope to do some soon. By the way, can you send me one hundred foot spools? You remember that most of the film that you left behind is in two hundred foot length. Has Pathé taken any of the film, and can anything be done with the rest?

Everyone asks when you are coming back. Wallis says you are like the Americans that he knew in South Africa, and misses you. I think that he would be highly pleased to receive a card from you. (Send it care of British Consul) Everyone wants to know what you are doing.

My project is moving forward, but not as fast as we had hoped. Many things have happened since you left, but there may be an early readjustment. I had planned to fly to the Delta of the Orinoco this week to penetrate the swamps of the region; but the doctor won't let me go.

Last week I had another severe attack worse than the ones when you were here, and I went to see a physician. He found some amoebic dysentery and three other kinds of parasites in my intestines. He believes that I have been carrying these about since <sup>Matto</sup>Matto Grosso days. One of them is a worm that throws off poisons which are absorbed in the blood stream, and cause fatigue, aches, nervous depression, etc.. It accounts for a great deal. I had a miserable time of it in the States at times and you know how poorly I felt here. He hopes to cure it quickly, but it will delay my field work several more weeks or a month.

Did you send my books to the Museum by any chance? They have not been received at my home, and I am anxious to get them there soon, since I would like to have my sister take some of them back with her to college after the vacations.

Charlie is not doing anything. I am thinking of taking him along with me later. He is "dying" to hear from you.

The rains still continue. More water has fallen in two months than usually falls in the entire year.

By the way, Due is going to be stationed in Venezuela and I may see him in a few weeks. (Also, an army plane fell killing its crew.)

Best regards, and let me hear from you more at length.

Caracas  
December 23, 1933.

Mr. Horace H. F. Jayne  
University Museum  
Philadelphia

Dear Jayne:

The biggest piece of news that I have to offer for December is that at last the cause of my periodic illness seems to have been determined. First amoebic dysentery in a latent form, and with it three kinds of tropical intestinal parasites including a tapeworm which have been throwing off toxins that have given me almost a perpetual hang-over. The doctors say that probably I have been carrying them about since Brazilian days. After my last letter to you I suffered a bad spell of intestinal trouble and was examined. I have since spent several days in the hospital. However, though still under treatment I feel well again.

So, though I had made arrangements to spend December in the field I have not moved from Caracas.

The other day the minister of the Interior who has assumed Requena's duties and power called me, saying:

Arcaya had written to the General and to him; and that he had answered both letters explaining the situation and expressing the cordiality of the government. Arcaya should have transmitted these to you.

The government would like to invite you to come, but it cannot do it just now, because it could not offer you complete hospitality. (I gathered that he was not thinking only of the money, but also of the current political situation. As I have mentioned before, since Requena's fall archaeology is in bad political smell.)

That he thinks that the crisis in Venezuela is over, (politically also, I suspect and he implied), and he wanted to assure me that my time has not been wasted. He thinks that something will be done soon, though perhaps in a small way at first.

That the General has given orders to give me all facilities, and that every Governor, President, etc. etc. will be informed by telegraph a day or so before I arrive anywhere.

That Venezuela will be appreciative of any contribution that we may make.

That I have his personal interest and friendship and to have faith. Also, he hopes that you and the trustees will not cool off. etc.

I have also been in touch with the local managers of the oil companies with the following results:

If I go to Maturin, the Standard oil company will transport me to their oil fields in the Delta region of the Orinoco and give me what further help they can. Quite recently it has been implied that I might even use their plane, men, etc.

The Caribbean, (Shell interests) will do the same thing in the Maracaibo region.

The Venezuelan Gulf (Mellon's company) will help

around Maraciba, and should we ever ovrk from the Colombian side in the same region they will do much to help. Most of their concessions are on the Colombian side. This is the company that is especially interested in the pacification o f the Motilonos.

To work in the region around Ciudad Bolivar and south of San Fernando de Apure I have the promise help of ranchers and other commercial outfits that have interests there. In the section close to Barinas, where there is strange elevated road running for many miles across the plain and numerous mounds close to it along its course, the Venezuelan Petroleum company will help. (Sinclair interests.)

(By the way, W. Tecumseh Sherman Doyle, the big boss of the Carribbean Oil Company in Venezuela, and the most respected of the Americans, formerly assistant secretary of State in Washingotn, etc. was the host of De Booy at Maracaibo. He wrote to the Museum recently for a copy of De Booy's artizle, after I had given him a copy. He is worthwhile and generous with his help.)

So, I hope that we can take advantage of all this goodwill.

Finances: I received the \$750, for which I got Bs. 2955.00. I was about 1600 Bs. in debt, up to December 1. That is paid off, now I owe only for my living expenses in December, for which I have money, with some to spare. I have not made any arrangements about the automobile that I have been using, waiting until something develops before doing that.

However, my personal bank reserve is all gone, and about the second week in January I shall need at least \$700. of my salary. Can you deposit it for me at the Centennial ?

Plans: My treatment ought to be over by the end of next week. The fatigue I have been feeling is gone and unless I have a relapse I ought to be able to move about by then. I expect to fly to Maturin, and use the offer of the Standard oil company to work in the Delta. (They are inistent that the Guaraunos of the region live on trees. It is swamp country.) I hope from such a trip to make a report and eventually win over more interest from the officials of the company. These Indians are practically unknown, since no one has wanted to risk the swamps.

I hsall then pass on to the region west of Maturin where there remanments of some Carib groups, unstudied. Then to the region south of San Fernando, Between the Apure and Meta reivers, where I should like to spend at least six weeks. Finally visit the elevated road and examine at least one mound near Barinas.

I should then go to Maraciabo, visit the oil camps and the neighboring semi pacified Motilone groups; some lacustrian groups having pile dwellings, and finally the Guajiros, crossing the peninsula to Santa Marta.

I have sent in an estimate of the cost of this work.

I need a littæe equipment : ammunition for

twenty gauge shot gun --nos. 4, 5, 7, and buck. (If you send me this, include several hundred rounds for a twelve gauge, of no. 7. The manager of the Standard would like to have it. It is impossible to buy anything like that in Venezuela even though one is especially privileged. The people are entirely disarmed. I should like to do him this favor. He has, of course a permit to carry arms, but his ammunition is exhausted.) For my gun I believe that one hundred will do. I should like to have about fifty 44, (revolver). I didn't bring any, thinking that I could buy it here.

If you could send me several boxes of canned food it would facilitate my travelling about. Cost is prohibitive here, and it is almost impossible to get anything. These things will come in duty free.

Film for Bache's camera, and if possible some standard one hundred foot lengths movie stuff, would go well. I have about eight hundred feet here, unexposed. I can buy it here but the cost is over twice as much as in the States.

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Too late to wish you plesent holidays. Distribute my c ompliments around, please. Best regards.

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PIER 3 NORTH RIVER  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Dr. Vincenzo M. Petrullo,  
c/o American Consulate,  
Caracas, Venezuela.

December 26, 1933

Dear Doctor Petrullo:

Answering your letter of December 10th, enclosing our special rate order No. 2483 furnished you some time ago, calling for return complimentary transportation from Santa Marta, Colombia, to New York, which expired on November 1, 1933:

Note your work in Venezuela is taking longer than you had originally planned and that you will probably not return to New York until the late spring months. Under the circumstances, we shall be glad to extend the limit as suggested and send you herewith a new special rate order No. 3709, bearing expiration date June 1, 1934.

Glad to know that you had a pleasant trip on the Metapan southbound last July and that you found the food and service satisfactory as well as the geniality of the ship's officers; also that meeting our Dr. Wilson Popenoe added to the pleasure of your voyage. Understand you left the Metapan at Barrios instead of going on to Santa Marta but that you have been in touch with Mr. Leroy Sawyer since then and you are both counting on some interesting anthropological work.

With kind personal regards and hoping that you will not hesitate to call upon me at any time, believe me

Sincerely yours,

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To Agent at Santa Marta, Colombia Date December 26, 1933

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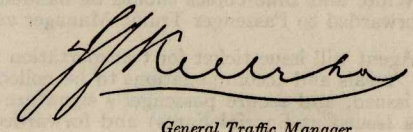
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and Technical Societies of the United States

February 14, 1934

Dr. V. M. Petrullo  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Petrullo:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that, as a result of a preliminary conference of interested men who were available early in January while Dr. Lowie was in the East, the Council has appointed an Advisory Committee of this Division on "A Handbook of South American Indians." Your name has been included in this Committee because of your known interest in the subject. The complete membership of the Committee is as follows:

W. C. Bennett	Ronald Olson
J. M. Cooper ✓	C. B. Osgood
R. B. Dixon	V. M. Petrullo ✓
Melville J. Herskovits	E. Sapir ✓
H. H. F. Jayne ✓	F. G. Speck ✓
A. V. Kidder	Leslie Spier
A. L. Kroeber	M. W. Stirling
S. K. Lothrop ✓	John R. Swanton
R. H. Lowie	Clark Wissler
J. A. Mason ✓	

The preliminary conference suggested this rather large membership in order to be ready for actual preparation of such a handbook, with adequate representation of wide interests. For simplification of matters of administration, a small executive sub-committee was agreed upon, including Dr. Cooper as Chairman, Dr. Sapir and Dr. Spier. The enclosed suggestions for the work of the committee, embracing the results of discussions at the conference, have been prepared by this sub-committee.

Will you kindly indicate your willingness to serve upon this committee, and offer any suggestions that may occur to you for the furtherance of its program?

Sincerely yours,

*A. T. Poffenberger*

A. T. Poffenberger,  
Chairman, Division of  
Anthropology and Psychology

February 14, 1934

Memorandum to Committee on Handbook of South American Indians:

Enclosed is tentative draft of memorandum on meeting in Philadelphia for presentation to the Smithsonian Institution. The draft is being submitted to the general Committee by the sub-committee appointed to draw up same. A somewhat different memorandum, with detailed statement of expected financial outlay, will have to be drawn up for presentation to prospective donors. Will you kindly mail at earliest convenience, to the Division office, any suggestions for change you feel should be made in the memorandum here submitted? If we do not hear from you by February 28th, we will assume that you approve of the draft as submitted.

The following memorandum was sent to Sapir and Spier by Cooper on January 25th:

"I had a long talk with Alden Mason last Saturday (January 20) in Delaware, whither we had gone for an archaeological meeting. He and I both have a rather strong feeling, - and I think Mrs. Britten is inclined in the same way, - that the sum of \$100,000 is rather large. Of course, it can be used and used well without wasting a cent. If \$200,000 were available a still better piece of work could be put out. But certainly an excellent piece of work could be put out for \$50,000. Mason and I rather feel that we have a much better chance of getting \$50,000 than of getting \$100,000. \$100,000 for one book is a whole lot of money these days. Moreover, there is likelihood that many of our anthropological brethren would take the position that if they had \$100,000 available for South America, they would, considering general anthropological needs, be inclined to devote not more than about half of that sum to the Handbook and to use the rest of the sum for urgently needed field work among the rapidly vanishing South American cultures. I know this would be my personal reaction if I had \$100,000 available. Certainly a work of high excellence can be turned out for \$50,000. Of course, this should have been brought up at the meeting, but we covered so many things in so short a time, and the implications of the sum asked emerged only later. Neither of us has any dogmatic view on it. It is more a feeling or a hunch."

The following answers have been received, from Sapir under date of January 30th, and from Spier under date of February 6th:

"As to the proposed sum, I think you are right; that is, I believe that you are right in the sense that it would not be very tactful to ask for as much as \$100,000 at the present time. \$50,000 would look more modest and would probably get us further. All the same, I think that the job contemplated will require all of \$100,000; but it is probably better to get ourselves committed to the work and then rustle around for more money later on." (Sapir)

"Yes, \$50,000 should be mentioned in the memorandum as the prospective sum needed, whether presented to the Smithsonian or to another organization or donor. It indicates the magnitude of the job. I too think \$100,000 is excessive, and quite agree that others would say it should be spent in field work. My own notion is, that if no excessive machinery for the Handbook is set up, it ought to be possible to do a very respectable job for less than \$50,000." (Spier)

Could you kindly send in your own reaction and views on this important question of cost?

J. M. Cooper, for Executive Sub-Committee.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
CHEYNEY TRAINING SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS  
STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE  
CHEYNEY, PENNSYLVANIA

March 2, 1934.

Mr. V. M. Petrulle  
University Museum  
Philadelphia  
Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Petrulle:

I am sending you an outline of my proposed book in the History of Civilization. To date there are a few chapters which have not been written. Among them is the chapter of South America.

After having worked over the scope of the text several times, I find that it will be proportionate to the rest of the text to suggest about seven or eight thousand words as a reasonable limit although if you go to about ten thousand it will be all right. I hesitate to set definite limits to works of this sort.

We shall be interested in a brief general outline of the various areas of South America and a general summary of the culture. According to the other schemes, however, most of the space must be devoted to the grand summary of the civilization of the Inca. This culture will be compared with that of the Maya in a brief formal way.

It would delight me very much if you would contribute this chapter. I should like so very much to have a member of our own Museum do the job rather than others. If you completed the task by June of this year we should have it ready for the press by the fall. I shall expect to hear from you on this matter as early as is convenient.

Yours truly,

*L. Foster*

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March 5, 1934

Dr. Vincenzo Petruccio  
Caracas, Venezuela

Dear Dr. Petruccio:-

I am sorry for all the difficulties with our rerecording problem and also sorry <sup>that</sup> you did not get my letter of Dec. 11th.

I have sent a duplicate invoice to the Museum and doubtless it will be taken care of soon. In rerecording the film we had to increase our amplification greatly in order to take care of the places where the recording was very weak and we spent a great deal of time on it. The result was not as good as I had hoped but I thought might be satisfactory, or at least I would like your suggestions on it before doing it over. If it is not to your satisfaction we will do it over without charge. In the meanwhile we have sent the film and master back to the Museum.

We rerecorded the film in two sections and made two masters which form the two sides of a standard 12" 78 rev. per minute record playable on any machine. Three double faced records were sent first and we have just sent five more which we can bill when you return.

We have developed a very fine portable disc recording equipment, recording on metal discs which can be played at once. This equipment is extremely simple to operate and is made in an extremely portable outfit which has two carrying cases weighing a total of 45 lbs. and also in a little more elaborate equipment operated from storage battery which weighs about 100 lbs. The latter type is made also in a double turntable unit which will record continuously as long as desired using the tables to overlap the records. There is no production demand for this equipment and so far they are custom built since we find every user has somewhat differing requirements. I mention this because of the great advantage over film recording of being able to play the result at once and the cheapness and simplicity.

We shall be glad to cooperate with you in any way possible.-

Sincerely yours,

*Lincoln Thompson*  
Lincoln Thompson

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### Memorandum to Anthropologists:

Early in the summer of 1933, members of the Committee on State Archaeological Surveys expressed the feeling that a list of those who had received master's and doctor's degrees in anthropology during the past five years might be of interest to professional anthropologists in North America. In accordance with this suggestion, circular letters were sent from the office of that Committee to all institutions known to grant such degrees.

Responses have been received from most of the institutions approached, and because of the wholehearted cooperation of the officials of the several departments of anthropology, it has been possible to compile the accompanying list. The holders of degrees have been listed alphabetically, with the degree, institution, and year after the name. Under each name, the first item gives the present position of the individual, and the second item his address. In the right-hand column is the title of the thesis, in case one was prepared. It should be remembered that the data on the present position and address may be altered soon.

We wish to thank the following institutions for making this list possible:

University of Arizona	University of New Mexico
University of California	Northwestern University
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The Society for American Archaeology

The Committee on State Archaeological Surveys, created by the Division of Anthropology and Psychology of the National Research Council in 1921, was originally intended to stimulate archaeological research in a few middle western states. It has gradually developed into a clearing house and advisory body for North American archaeology. It has stimulated research by encouraging individual professionals and amateurs, by assisting in the formation of local societies, and by organizing regional conferences. It has aided in creating closer relations among students and in stabilizing scientific policies by publishing an annual summary of field work; by issuing leaflets in the Reprint and Circular Series of the National Research Council; and by distributing circular letters and reports of general interest.

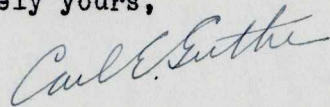
In spite of its accomplishments and the good will it has established, the value of the Committee could be improved in two respects: 1) Under the present arrangement, every student of archaeology does not have a proprietary interest in its activities; 2) It has not been able to reach the great majority of seriously interested amateurs, most of whom would cooperate in scientific research if given an opportunity.

This Committee, established by the National Research Council, has been supported since 1929 by grants from the Carnegie Corporation. Such an arrangement is clearly a temporary one, for American archaeologists would not expect these agencies to support indefinitely a project which so obviously functions only through the cooperation and for the benefit of American archaeologists.

In order to establish upon a permanent basis those services of the Committee which have been of real value, and to overcome the deficiencies mentioned above, it is suggested that a national society be established for furthering the interests of American archaeology. The economic aspect involved is an important one. In the opinion of many, the real demand for such an organization at this particular time greatly minimizes the danger of an economic catastrophe. The Committee, whose functions would be gradually absorbed by the Society, can assist in reducing the expenses incurred during the formative years. It is entirely probable that financial support will be forthcoming to aid in its establishment, if the archaeological personnel of the country expresses its approval of the Society.

It is hoped that in forming this new Society, advantage may be taken of the spirit of cooperation and friendly discussion which has developed among the members of the profession during the past few years. I am therefore enclosing a prospectus of the Society, as developed through discussion and correspondence with twenty interested individuals. A constitution and by-laws will be prepared later by a Constitutional Committee elected by the profession if the recommendation is approved. Please give us the benefit of your opinion and suggestions concerning the "Society for American Archaeology". Can we count on your support?

Sincerely yours,



April, 1934

THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

1. The OBJECTS of the society would be to promote scientific research in the archaeology of the New World by creating closer professional relations among archaeologists and between them and others interested in American archaeology; by guiding the research work of amateurs; by advocating the conservation of archaeological data and the elimination of commercialization of archaeological objects; and by promoting a more rational public appreciation of the aims and limitations of archaeological research.
2. There would be three classes of MEMBERSHIP, - Fellows, Affiliates, and Institutional Members, and perhaps Corresponding or Honorary Fellows. A Fellow should have done research in American archaeology, and have published reports in recognized scientific media. To be elected a Fellow should be considered an honor and a recognition of ability. Affiliates would be all individuals sufficiently interested in furthering the aims of the society to be willing to pay dues. It might be advisable to set up simple scientific or ethical standards in order to eliminate habitual dealers in Indian artifacts. Institutional Members would be organizations which subscribe to the society's publications for their library files. Fellows and Affiliates would have equal voting privileges at the annual meeting and the regional conferences, but the control of the Society would, of course, rest with the Council.
3. The OFFICERS would be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and an Editor. The Council, elected from among the Fellows, would consist of twelve members - the four officers and eight additional councilmen.
4. The rules governing ELECTIONS should be specific. Application forms should be filled out by prospective Fellows and Affiliates. The form for Affiliates might be brief, requiring the endorsements of at least one Fellow and one Affiliate, one of whom must know the applicant personally. Thus any interested amateur could become an Affiliate. The application form for Fellows should be endorsed by two Fellows. To be elected a Fellow of the society should indicate that the person is, in the opinion of the other Fellows, a competent and experienced archaeologist with a recognized scientific standing. The application blank should include space for a biographical sketch, a statement of research done, and a bibliography, as is done in the honor society of Sigma Xi. The responsibility for the acceptance or rejection of the applications should be fixed. It would be simplest to have a Membership Committee. Perhaps the entire Council should act in this capacity, or the Fellows could be circularized, much as is done in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The handling of the Affiliates' applications would be simple, but those of the Fellows should be closely scrutinized. Perhaps Fellows might be elected at the annual meeting, after the applications had been approved by a Committee. Delay in granting a Fellowship would cause no confusion regarding dues or receipt of publications, for they would be the same for both classes, as in the American Association for the Advancement of Science.
5. The election of the officers and the Council should be by mail. A preliminary ballot containing the nominations made by the Council could be sent to all Fellows well in advance of the annual meeting, or could be pub-

lished in the issue of the Quarterly preceding that meeting. Then those names receiving the largest number of votes would be presented to the annual meeting as a slate. The four-year terms of the Council members would be staggered, i. e., three new members would be elected each year. The President and Vice-President would be elected annually from among the Council members, but not for more than two consecutive terms. The Secretary-Treasurer and the Editor, upon whom the burden of administration would rest, also elected from among the Council members, might well serve four years at a time, but could hardly be expected to serve more than eight consecutive years.

6. The DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER should include continuing most of the activities of the central office of the Committee on State Archaeological Surveys, such as corresponding with the Fellows and Affiliates, executing the instructions and policies of the Council, and acting as a clearing house and advisory center. The Secretary's office would therefore have to maintain files and equipment, and gather and study data needed for reviews and summaries. Such responsibilities would require the employment of a full-time paid secretary to take charge of the office routine.
7. There would be two kinds of MEETINGS. An annual business meeting should occur at a time and place that would insure the largest attendance of both Fellows and Affiliates. It would seem advisable to hold it in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association at Christmas time. At various times during the year regional meetings could be held, probably in connection with the regional conferences which already take place. The Southwestern Archaeological Federation meets in southern California; a conference is usually held annually in New Mexico or Arizona; there also exist the Southern States Conference and the Great Plains Conference. The spring meetings of the Central Section of the American Anthropological Association draw many Mississippi Valley archaeologists. This spring the eastern groups organized the Eastern States Archaeological Federation. All of these could serve as occasions for regional meetings of the society.
8. The success of the Society would depend in large measure upon its PUBLICATIONS, which would constitute for the majority of the Fellows and Affiliates the only return received for dues. It is suggested that the society issue a quarterly Journal, a Notebook, and The Teocentli. These should appeal to all varieties of interest in American archaeology.
9. The Journal would be printed by the planograph or lithoprinting process,  $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$  inches, and would contain about 60 pages in each issue, equivalent to 24,000 words, with a printed cover. There could be several sections, one of which would contain a technical report on field or laboratory research of particular interest to Fellows and technically trained Affiliates, and prepared with reference to the needs of the specialists interested in the subject discussed. Another section could be devoted to archaeological news, brief reports, and items of special interest to Affiliates, to which young and inexperienced students could contribute without lowering the standards of the Journal. This section might include questions and answers of general interest. There should also be a bibliographic section, containing notices of articles, and possibly reviews. The editor might be able to establish a reprint library in connection with the Journal. Of course brief annual summaries of field plans, and of field work, and reports of the Annual Meeting, the Regional Con-

ferences, and the Council meetings would also be included. The extent to which such plans could be fulfilled would depend upon the growth of the society and the resulting available funds.

10. The Notebook would be mimeographed, as is this prospectus, on  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 punched paper for filing in a looseleaf binder. The subject matter would deal with the ways and means of archaeological research, ranging from simple statements of fundamentals to discussions of complex techniques. Some articles might treat of principles and policies, but most of them would be concerned with field, museum and laboratory methods and equipment, such as preparing simple catalogs, organizing county surveys, recording distributions of types, problems of classification, methods of describing pottery, statistical analyses, use of graphs, etc. Such a Notebook would be useful to both Fellows and Affiliates. The Journal and the Notebook would be sent to all Fellows, Affiliates and Institutional Members.
11. The Teocentli would be a more personal publication, issued semi-annually to Fellows only. It would be a mimeographed compilation of short personal letters written for the Teocentli by the Fellows themselves.
12. The FINANCES of the society would be administered through an annual budget drafted by the Council and presented to the annual meeting for passage. The fiscal year could start on January first, with dues payable on or before April first. The dues should be the same for both Fellows and Affiliates, and should be as low as possible in order to secure a large membership and approximate the objectives of the society. It is believed that the society can be established with the annual dues set at two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50), for reasons given below.
13. The first two or three years would be the most difficult because of the initial small membership. During this period expenses might be reduced considerably by using the facilities of the office of the Committee on State Archaeological Surveys. In addition to the routine developed for handling mailing lists and heavy correspondence, this office possesses a power mimeograph, a multigraph, and an addressograph. It may be possible to secure a subsidy to assist the society during the first two or three years, as indicated in the covering letter.
14. An estimate of the potential Fellows and Affiliates is encouraging. If the requirements for becoming a Fellow be kept strict, there would be seventy-five to one hundred Fellows. The real financial support of the society would come from the Affiliates and Institutional members. About two hundred of these would be younger professional archaeologists, and possibly two hundred more would include libraries and scientific institutions. In each of the states in which surveys have been made, lists of several hundred local students have been obtained. Among local archaeological societies, memberships range from several dozen to approximately one hundred. Judicious advertising, coupled with the amount of literature received in return for small dues, would surely result in many applications to become Affiliates. It seems very conservative to estimate at least one thousand potential Affiliates from these latter sources. Therefore, it should be a relatively simple task to secure 1500 annual dues, that is, an income of \$3,750.00.

15. In working out a tentative budget, it is assumed that the office of the Secretary-Treasurer would be located in some university or museum, and would therefore be relieved of such charges as rent, heat, light, and janitor service. On this basis, the following explanatory budget has been prepared:

16.	<u>Salary of Office Secretary</u>		\$1,500.00
	<u>Publications</u>		
	1. Quarterly (4 issues of 24,000 words each) - lithoprinting process	\$1,000.00	
	2. Notebook & Teocentli - mimeograph and multigraph supplies (type, ink, paper, and stencils)	100.00	1,100.00
	<u>Postage</u>		
	On Journal (3rd class)	180.00	
	Correspondence and mimeograph circulars	220.00	400.00
	<u>Office Supplies and Equipment:</u>		
	Stationery, miscellany, envelopes, record cards and filing folders, addressograph stencils, etc.	400.00	<u>400.00</u>
			\$ 3,400.00
	<u>Equipment costs for first year:</u>		
	Filing units, Electrotpe plates, etc.		<u>200.00</u>
			\$ 3,600.00
	<u>Contingencies and Equipment repair</u>		<u>150.00</u>
			<u>\$ 3,750.00</u>

Honoraria for Secretary-Treasurer and Editor, when and if income permits.

April 13, 1934.

Mr. George W. Hutchinson  
National Geographical Society  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I accept the Society's invitation to become a member and accordingly I am enclosing the application form and a check for three dollars. I have just returned from a nine month's trip to Venezuela, and your letter did not come to hand until now.

It may interest the Society to learn my work, ethnological and archaeological in nature, met with unusual success. I have brought back a large selection of photographs illustrating life and the geography of the cities, towns, etc, and of course, an excellent set illustrating the life of the llanos and the Yaruros, a tribe of Indians hitherto unstudied. These Indians are river nomads, living on reptilian life, largely, during the dry season. Should the Society be interested, I should be pleased to show my material.

Allow me to extend my thanks for the invitation of the Society.

Very truly yours,

Vincenzo Petruccio  
Director South American Research



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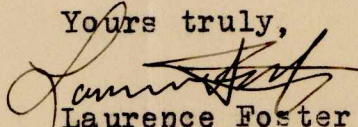
Dr. Vincent Petruzzo  
University Museum  
Philadelphia  
Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Petruzzo:

I received a notice of your Seminar. I am so very sorry that I was unable to attend owing to a previous engagement here. However, I shall see you before many weeks for a talk about your work. Indeed it gives me great pleasure to know that the Director is well pleased with your results.

Many weeks ago I wrote you regarding the possibility of doing the chapter on South America for my book in the history of civilization. I should appreciate it so much if you would do the chapter. May I hear from you on this matter?

Yours truly,

  
Laurence Foster

April 18, 1934.

Miss Madelin Blitzstein  
322 So. 16 st.  
Philadelphia

Dear Miss Blitzstein:

I have your letter, and in reply, will ask to come to the Museum Friday morning at 9:30 A. M. I shall be glad to give you whatever material you may need.

This message has been telephoned to you. Should you not be able to come on Friday please let me know.

Assuring you that I am looking forward to our meeting,  
I am,

Sincerely yours ,

Vincenzo Petrullo

April 18, 1934.

Dr. Laurence Foster  
Cheyney Training School  
Cheyney  
Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Foster:

I have your two letters, and in reply send regrets that your first letter did not come to hand until recently, and thanks of appreciation for greetings.

I have given your project some thought and have come to the conclusion that I cannot assume the obligation. Were I to accept it would mean that the chapter would not be written until the Fall, and as I know that you are anxious to publish your book soon I feel that it is better to speak frankly now. I shall be very busy with my South American material for the next few months, and I cannot make room for anything else.

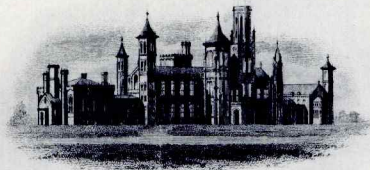
I suggest that you approach Olson or Bennett of the American Museum for the job. Both are good men and very familiar with higher cultures of South America. As you know I, myself, am giving more time to the more primitive. Both men are trained in Anthropology and I am confident that they would produce something worthwhile.

With regrets that I cannot comply with your request, and hopes of seeing you soon, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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BUREAU OF AMERICAN ETHNOLOGY  
ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY  
NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

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*Washington, U.S.A.*

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART  
FREER GALLERY OF ART  
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES  
INTERNATIONAL CATALOGUE OF  
SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE

April 20, 1934.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Referring to your request of April 18,  
I regret to say that no copies remain for distri-  
bution of the work "Researches upon the venom of  
the rattlesnake" published by the Smithsonian In-  
stitution. I know of no place now where the work  
can be procured, except through a dealer in second-  
hand books.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

Mr. C. Seymour Thompson, Librarian,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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May 26, 1934

Mr. Vincenzo Petruzzo,  
Museum of the University of Penna.  
34th & Spruce Streets,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Petruzzo:

You have been so interested and cooperated so generously with us, that we feel you will like to hear of our changes.

No sooner had we started on planning for a long time (a year) study of foreign communities in Philadelphia that we were asked to leave our present quarters to go to the Central Branch of the Y.W.C.A. We did not feel that we could move any closer to the mother organization since we were already considering the question of separation. We were allowed to remain but with a budget cut of 50%.

We then hurried the plans for independence and left aside the studies which we had wanted to do with calm and in an adequate way. This is why you did not hear from us any further. I do wish to apologize not to have sent you news of these changes before, but we knew you were kept busy on your own work.

If you were here we would have probably asked your cooperation on the reorganization plans. We hope that you will keep on lending us your advice and cooperation in plans which might need the kind of experience and knowledge that you have.

You will be glad to hear probably that we have secured the services of Dr. Vittorini and Judge Alessandrone on our new Board of Managers. Also Dr. Herbert Miller of Bryn Mawr College, Dr. Burgess from Temple and others. And the exponents of other nationality groups are just as well known.

On Monday, May 28th at 6:30 P.M. we will have a supper to celebrate officially the separation from the Y.W.C.A. and the acceptance of the International Institute by part of the Welfare Federation. If by any chance you should be interested and were able to, we would urge you to be with us on that occasion. Dr. Vittorini will be there.

Perhaps some day I will be able to sit down and start with the book I have planned. Best wishes for your manuscript.

Very truly yours,  
*Aurora M. Unti*  
Aurora M. Unti  
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Mr. Vincenzo Petruzzo,  
University Museum,  
University of Penna.,  
Philadelphia.

Dear Mr. Petruzzo:

From Dr. Speck I learned your address. I had written him after seeing your thesis subject in the program of the University Graduation exercises to know if there were any possibility of us getting a complimentary copy of your thesis. He suggested that I write you direct. If we can be granted this favor we shall appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

*Lawrence E. Lindley*  
Associate Secretary.

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM  
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA  
PHILADELPHIA

July 12, 1934.

Mr. Lawrence E. Lindley  
Indian Rights Association  
301 south 17th street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Lindley:

My study of Delaware Peyotism is being published jointly by the University Press and the University Museum. It is expected that it will be brought out early in September. I am referring your request to Mr. Phelps Soule of the University Press who will no doubt fulfill it. Should you fail to hear from him in September please let me know and I shall take it up personally.

Incidentally, has the Association done anything about the Peyote cult in recent years? I hope my study will be of some help to those interested in the Indian.

Very truly yours,

  
Vincenzo Petruccio

your name & paid no attention, it is  
a common thing, until this morning  
article, me being a bachelor, ha ha,  
where every man & woman must  
nearly attracted my reading, to behold  
everything past I came to mind, can  
it be he, so boy if it is so, be a  
good sport & let your big Bro Paul  
know, & no one will be the wiser.

I am idle at present & will be so for  
a few days & can arrange to see you  
answer you or no, & ease my mind,  
Thanking you in advance for your  
courtesy & hope it is no bother

Respectfully

Paul Petrucci.

297 Pleasant Ave  
New York City.

July 22/34

Mr. Vincenzo Petrucci

Dear Sir,

Being a good reader  
will read most any literature,  
accept or reject, have a reason for  
doing so, have waited many years  
to read a name familiar to my  
family name, old fashioned and  
Italian, & I took on an American  
fashion which I will sign, never.  
I wonder, & you can stop  
me from doing such, can you be  
my young Brother James the  
Silent whom last I saw when

The writer embarked in the month  
new progress for or against Democracy  
so called A. E. France 1917, & last  
heard from San Francisco, embarking  
for Phillipine Islands, such names  
are only reminders in the work  
that you are my brother, have made  
many inquiries since, & no one does  
know, & to my surprise this morning  
N. Y. American magazine section  
reveals something that I have tried  
to find for 17 years & long over too  
the family name old our of course  
& how can I forget & feel almost  
certain that it is you, do know  
the possibility of a mistake, & only

two things certain, death & taxes, &  
you cannot blame me for trying  
tho you may not be my brother.  
17 years is a long time, & should I  
accomplish seeing my young brother  
17 years is a short time & have done  
something, in the past 3 months I  
have been a trip around this country  
making many stops, with Indianapolis  
Auto Derby, Auto Race & 2 stops per  
week at different towns & states and  
always in search of you, arrived  
home July 19, & around to the old  
haunts where I work & was told  
a man was looking for me in  
many places & would not leave his

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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with an Industrial and Archaeological Map of South-  
ern Peru published under the auspices of the Central  
Committee on Publicity and Tourist Travel of the  
City of Cuzco, Peru, in connection with the Agricul-  
tural and Industrial Exposition and Fair now being  
held there to commemorate the 400th anniversary of  
the city.

It will be greatly appreciated if acknowledge-  
ment be made to the following address:

Comisión Central de Propaganda y  
Turismo del Cuzco,

Cuzco, Peru.

July 31, 1934.

76 Elm Street  
Montclair, N.J.  
August 8, 1934

*Answered  
Sept 5 -  
regarding case to  
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Dr. Vincenzo Petruccio  
University Museum  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Petruccio;

My formality in writing to you, under this strict business form, is so strangely unfamiliar when compared to the relative freedom of our classes and monthly reports that it rather amuses me. I would much rather be speaking to you directly.

This reply I have delayed because I have not been able to decide upon a definite answer in my own mind - the answer to your query about the newspaper career which I had been considering a year ago. Frankly, I have not given up all thought of it. Neither have I determined to follow any one vocation for the rest of my life, irrevocably. You will agree that such a step would be foolish, if not suicidal for one just beginning to earn a living, and after a liberal education.

Anthropology is, on the other hand, one of the chief possible lines of endeavor which I have delineated for myself after my small passed experience. The others are newspaper work and writing, Psychology, and success in almost any kind of business. That sounds nebulous, doesn't it? Though the way it will work out will probably be that I will adopt the one which first gives me what I believe to be a real opportunity to show myself and others what I am worth.

In Anthropology I know enough to "talk a good game". That is enough to make me honestly interested in it, so that, once started, I can give it every effort and really become worth my salt. I offer you my sincerest industry and the assurance that you will have in me a man who is interested and anxious to learn.

I have given you a lengthy explanation of how I stand. Should you want me to work with you, I am free to leave my present job

at any time, and likewise I am not tied to Montclair for other than family reasons - meaning that I am still single.

Incidentally, I would be glad to help you to raise money for field work in any case. I would be interested to know more about the whole question, how much is needed, how it is to be used, why the University cannot supply it, or rather the Museum division of the University, and the many questions which I would have to answer in discussing the subject with a prospective donor. I frequently meet people who might be induced to further the cause. Incidentally, the city of Philadelphia is the logical center for such work, though it would do no harm to try New York and its environs.

Philadelphia has not seen me for about three months, else I would most certainly have dropped in to call on you, and very likely have begun to talk of the Yaruro, the Eskimo, and so forth. Just yesterday I heard of a Mohawk in central New York state who is trying to revive an interest in Mohawk pottery. He makes it himself, putting on a shiny finish with rich color and possibly a mica undercoating, though it is evidently not fired. I had thought that the Iroquoian tribes used bark containers for the greater part, though clay must have been employed to some extent. Evidently it reached a higher plane with the Mohawks than with the others, if it has so characteristic a treatment and has lived unaided over the intervening hundred years that the tribes have been nearly extinct.

Please consider my readiness to work with you as truly as I have written it.

Very sincerely yours,

Philip Barre Coan

BOTH TELEPHONES

PRODUCERS OF  
MOTION PICTURES

# McCurdy FILMS

LABORATORY AND STUDIO  
56TH ST. AND WOODLAND AVE.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

September 26, 1934

Mr. V. Petrullo  
University of Penna.  
34th & Spruce St.  
Philadelphia, Pa

Dear Mr. Petrullo:

As per your instructions we endeavored to communicate with you by phone, advising that your work is completed and ready for screening. However, we were unable to reach you through the University Switchboard.

Will you be good enough to give us a call any morning around 9 A.M. so that we can screen films to suit your convenience.

Yours very truly,

*R. H. McCurdy*  
McCURDY FILMS

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JOSE NUCETE SARDI

"ASOCIACION DE ESCRITORES Y PERIODISTAS VENEZOLANOS"

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Caracas, octubre-30-934.

Apreciado Profesor Petruzzo:

He recibido su interesante obra "The Diabolic Root", estudio sobre el Peyotismo, que ha tenido la gentileza de enviarme y quiero expresarle mis gracias por su atencion y mis sinceras felicitaciones por el importante trabajo contenido en esas paginas.

Al mejorar un poco mi quebrantada salud que ultimamente ha estado seriamente amenazada, quiero hacer una larga referencia a su in-

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terésante obra en la prensa de aquí.

Con mis votos muy  
deferentes por su bienestar, le repito mis agradecimientos  
y mis felicitaciones.

Muy atentamente,

*Jose Mucetford*

Al señor Prof. Vincenzo Petruzzo.  
Filadelfia. Pa.,

BOSTON COLLEGE  
CHESTNUT HILL  
MASSACHUSETTS

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~~Diabolis Root~~ Peyster,  
Williams October 3, 1834.

My dear Doctor Petrus -

Many, many thanks for the copy  
of "The Diabolis Root." I have read it  
with the greatest interest. I would  
have answered more promptly but  
attending the International Congress  
of Anthropologists in London this  
summer I took advantage of the  
occasion to devote three-months

research in the British Museum  
& when I returned last month  
there was a heavy accumulation  
of mail waiting at Clerkenwell.

Gratefully

J. J. Williams s.p.



THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
PAN AMERICAN UNION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 8, 1934.

My dear Dr. Petruzzo:

I want to thank you most cordially for your kindness in sending to me a copy of your interesting study on "The Diabolic Root," which I am reading with the deepest interest and with much pleasure. Permit me to congratulate you on the important contribution which you have thus made.

Hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you when you are next in Washington, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Dr. Vincenzo Petruzzo,  
University Museum,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia.

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

~~HEY~~ ~~FOUNDATION~~

BROADWAY AT 155<sup>TH</sup> STREET

NEW YORK

GEORGE G. HEYE  
CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR

OFFICE OF  
THE DIRECTOR

October 29, 1934

Mr. Vincenzo Petruccio  
The University Museum  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Petruccio:

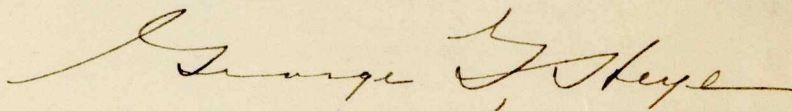
I have your note of October 25th,  
but unfortunately we have no money at the present  
time to expend on collections. Therefore, we  
cannot consider the Bororo material.

Upon my return your book on  
Peyote was awaiting me, and I found it of the  
greatest interest. Please accept my sincere  
thanks for sending it to me.

Allow me to wish you every success  
on your coming trip to South America, which I  
know you will have.

With best personal regards, believe  
me,

Very truly yours,



GGH:B

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# Izaak Walton League of America

DEFENDER OF WOODS, WATERS AND WILD LIFE

## PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER NO. 2

FIRST DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, Pa. November 1st 1934.

Mr. Vincenzo Petrullo,  
University Museum,  
33rd & Spruce Streets,  
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Petrullo:-

Referring to my telephone conversation with you today, I would be pleased to have you address our members and guests at our November 13th meeting at the Penna. S.P.C.A. Bldg. 922 N. Broad Street.

November being hunting month many hunters and conservationists will be present; and hunting topics which you have with slides of South America will be of unusual interest. The public will likewise be invited since it is an open meeting and in order that I may arrange my notices to members and get some publicity thru newspaper channels may I ask you to give me your confirmation as promptly as possible.

Let me have the title of your address. Also let me know whether you have a lantern for showing pictures or if you desire us to arrange same for your address.

I do not believe we will have more than 200 people as an audience altho we have seating capacity for 300. Our meeting will start at 8.15 P.M. and your address about 9 o' clock. If I have failed to mention any important facts in this connection, I shall be pleased to answer them.

Thanking you for your attention and reply, I am,

Yours very truly,

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER-IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE

*C. H. Goepel, Jr.*  
Chairman of Entertainment.

CHG-ED.

November 2, 1934.

Mr. Charles H. Goepel  
Izaak Walton League of America  
Philadelphia chapter no. 2.  
310 W. Olney Avenue  
Philadelphia

Dear Mr. Goepel:

I regret I cannot accept your kind invitation to address the members of the League on hunting matters. I have given the matter some thought, and awaited your letter to learn more about the nature of the meeting. I feel that the field is not properly my own, and that the preparation of such an address would, consequently, require some time to prepare. I am so immersed in finishing a manuscript at the present time, that I do not like to take any time for it.

It occurs to me that Prof. F. G. Speck, or Dr. D. S. Davidson, of the University might fit in your program. I believe that Dr. Davidson would give a very interesting talk on Australian methods. Also, there are a number of men at the Academy of Natural Sciences who have had a large and varied experience in hunting in various parts of the world.

With regrets that I cannot accommodate you at this time, I am,

Yours very truly,

215 WOODLAWN ROAD  
ROLAND PARK

November 3, 1934.

Dear Vincent,-

Your letter came some time ago and this is the first chance I have had to write to you. As for the lecture and the pictures of the Indians showing their bows and arrows and methods of primitive warfare I didnt know that the Museum had made the ruling concerning the showing of them for clubs etc. The Archery Club is so much interested in seeing your films that they have asked me to ask you how much the fee would be . They, of course , have very little to spend but if the fee isnt too high the individual members might be able to make up a purse . If you would be so kind as to let me know I could tell them and would inform you of their decision immediately.

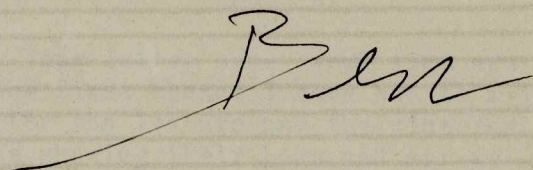
Your book on Peyote came and we are all taking turns reading it. Thank you ever so much.

Louise and I expect to be in Philadelphia December 1st for the Army-Navy football game and as you know I dont attend them but Louise will go with her twin-brother . Perhaps we could be together and meet them after the game and spend the week-end with you. How does that suit you?

Do let us hear from you about the lecture  
and I'M hoping to see you in Baltimore in the  
near future.

Thanking you again for the book and with  
the best of wishes in which Louise joins me,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben". The signature is written in dark ink on the lined paper. A long, thin horizontal line extends from the left side of the signature across the page.

6, AVENUE EMILE DESCHANEL

Nov. 5, 1934

My dear friend:

Just a few months ago I received a very interesting article in the review of the Museum and I didn't know where to reach you to thank you for it -

Now I receive your book.

Most interesting - what a shame that I had to leave Caracas without trying once the drug ...

What are you doing now?  
Back in the wilds? For  
The time being I live in  
Paris — if you come  
over, let me know?

My definite address is:  
6 av. Emile Deschanel  
Paris.

Sincerely  
Luisa Phelps de Ribou

# The Young Men's Christian Association of Germantown

HENRY E. BATON, PRESIDENT  
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WM. H. CROWN, GENERAL SECRETARY  
WM. H. STEWART, SECRETARY  
WUCHANG, CHINA

5722 GREENE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.  
TELEPHONE, VICTOR 3281

November 5, 1934.

Mr. V. M. Petrullo,  
60 Windemere Avenue,  
Lansdowne, Pa.

Dear Mr. Petrullo:

The Young Men's Christian Association of Germantown is endeavoring at this time to conduct weekly lectures or moving pictures, without charge, to fill the leisure time of the community's unemployed young men as profitably as possible.

We understand you have given lectures several times and wonder if it would be possible for us to secure your services in addressing a group in our lobby sometime during the month of November.

We would sincerely appreciate having you notify us as to the evening that is most suitable to you. Hoping you will find it possible and assuring you of our appreciation, I am

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'H. J. Hublitz'.

HENRY J. HUBLITZ,  
Asst. Secretary.

HJHED

MEMBER WELFARE FEDERATION OF PHILADELPHIA

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WASHINGTON, D. C., U. S. A.

November 10, 1934.

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- BRAZIL
- CHILE
- COLOMBIA
- COSTA RICA
- CUBA
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- ECUADOR
- GUATEMALA
- HAITI
- HONDURAS
- MEXICO
- NICARAGUA
- PANAMA
- PARAGUAY
- PERU
- SALVADOR
- UNITED STATES
- URUGUAY
- VENEZUELA

My dear Dr. Petruccio:

The Pan American Union is making preparations for the observance of Pan American Day which is celebrated each year on April 14th. In connection with this occasion the Pan American Union prepares and distributes among schools, clubs and other interested organizations throughout the American Continent a considerable amount of material on various phases of inter-American activity. In speaking with Miss Brown, the Managing Editor of the Bulletin of the Pan American Union, she informs me of your generous offer to cooperate with us in our work and it is for that reason that I am taking the liberty of writing to you.

For Pan American Day in 1935 it has been suggested that it would be most interesting if we could have a brief article on the ancient civilizations of America. Such an article, it is believed, would be most instructive and enlightening to students in the schools, if it could be written in a more or less popular style and set forth the progress that had been achieved by some of the earlier civilizations on the American Continent.

I should like to inquire whether it would be possible for you to prepare such an article for the Pan American Union. It would not be needed before January 1st and if we could obtain such an article written in such a manner as to appeal to school and college students it would, I am certain, be a valuable addition to our Pan American Day material to be distributed next year.

I will greatly appreciate if this matter may have your consideration, and beg to remain,

Most sincerely yours,  
*William Menger*  
William Menger,  
Counselor.

Dr. V. M. Petruccio,  
University of Pennsylvania Museum,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WM/cr

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National Scientific and Technical Societies of the United States

2101 CONSTITUTION AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 12, 1934

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To the members of the Committee on a  
Survey of South American Indians:

Dr. Sapir has asked me to tell you that there are important advances in the plans of your committee, so that he and its Chairman, Dr. Cooper, wish the advice and help of the members for the wisest completion of these plans. Efforts are being made to obtain funds for a meeting in New York on December 1st, but answer as to such funds cannot be received until November 25th. In the meantime, we would like to know whether it would be convenient for you to come to New York on that day, or on December 8th. The first of December is decidedly preferable, as it would permit a possible request for funds to be in the hands of foundations before too late in the month.

If the meeting seems to be practically possible (with funds available for members' travel expenses), we will wire or write you immediately after November 25th. We will appreciate it if you find it possible to hold the preferred day open until you hear again. Details of hour and place will be given you then.

Respectfully yours,

*Marion Hale Britton*

Secretary, Division of  
Anthropology and Psychology

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM  
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA  
PHILADELPHIA

November 13, 1934

Mr. Henry J. Hublitz,  
Assistant Secretary,  
Young Men's Christian Assn.,  
8722 Green Street,  
Germantown, Phila.

My dear Mr. Hublitz:

In reference to your letter of November 5, I regret that I cannot accept your invitation to speak in your library during the month of November. The service that you ask of me is indeed a worthwhile one, and I would be happy in rendering it if it were possible to do so. Illness and the pressure of work forces me to decline the invitation.

Yours sincerely,

VP:MG

November 13, 1934

Mr. Benjamin Kurtz,  
215 Woodlawn Road,  
Roland Park, Baltimore.

Dear Ben:

I have your letter of November 3 and in reply I want to say that it did not seem to me necessary that the Archery Club should be charged any fee. As a matter of fact it has been agreed between the director and myself that I will not accept any small fees. This policy has been agreed upon merely to avoid any embarrassment on our part for having to reject some offers and accept others, and also it is part of the general program for South American Research. I am writing with great frankness about it, feeling that I can do so to you as an old friend.

It seems to me, the best arrangement would be that which I suggested in my letter to you; that is for you to invite your friends to view the pictures without there being any mention of any organization such as the Archery Club. Once again I want to reaffirm my willingness to bring the pictures to you, and to have them viewed by anyone that you may invite. In this matter the arrangement will be purely informal, and it will not involve any official position with the Museum.

I shall indeed be glad to have you and Louis spend the week-end of December 1 with me. In fact I am looking forward to it with great anticipation.

As to a date for the pictures, if possible, I should like to have postponed until December. My medical treatments have been rather severe lately, with the result that I have not been able to give much attention to my work, and I should like to spend the rest of November free from any engagements such as we are contemplating. However, if this is at all inconvenient, I shall gladly come down some day that you suggest. My best regards to your family and you.

Sincerely yours,

VP:MG

November 13, 1934

Doctor Fay-Cooper Cole,  
Department of Anthropology,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Doctor Cole:

I brought back from Venezuela about sixty samples of Yaruro hair, which I should have liked to have studied by some confident person. I have been told that you have in your department several men who are giving attention to hair, and I am writing to inquire if anyone of them would be willing to study for me. I should be very glad to split the samples in return for this work.

Some time ago I mentioned to you that I am anxious to go to Chicago to examine some collections. I am wondering if it will be at all possible for me to obtain some lectures in Chicago, which would pay for my expenses of the trip. I should greatly appreciate anything that you can do for me in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

VP:MG

430 Hillside Ave  
Orange,  
New Jersey  
11/13/34

Dear Mr Petrucci;

I am writing you this letter to see if you are now in Philadelphia, having just arrived a month ago here myself. If you should wonder who is writing having perhaps forgotten - you remember we met in July '33 on the way to South America.

Having spent 15 months in Colombia prospecting, I am now back again at what may be called the end of a very successful expedition - for the interests for whom I went.

Being now free, I hope this letter will reach you and find you in good health. I mention the health part as you well know that <sup>it</sup> is always a question to those having worked in the tropics.

I would like to receive an answer and be able to take a run down to Philadelphia to have a little chat with you.

Sincerely yours,

Peter A. Cona.

P.S. I am particularly interested to know whether the museum has or displays some Indian gold ornaments found in the Nechi river valley. I was

Told this by a Columbian who purchased  
the ornaments from a native "hauero"—  
and he told me they are now in the  
University Museum.

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM  
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA  
PHILADELPHIA

November 13, 1934

William Manger, Esquire,  
Pan American Union,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Manger:

In reference to your letter of November 10, I accept with pleasure your invitation that I write an article for the Pan American Union on the ancient Civilizations of America. Could you indicate the approximate length of the article? I shall endeavor to make it as instructive and popular as possible without distorting any scientific material.

I greatly appreciate the invitation, and I beg to remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Field Director for  
South American Research

VP:MG

*(Letter written on 15th  
of mistake in addressing  
him with the Mr.)*

November 15, 1934

Mr. T. Evans Dunn, Jr.,  
313 Walnut Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Dunn:

On November 27, at 8:15 P.M., the Anthropological Society of Philadelphia is having its first meeting of the season. Its speaker for the evening will be Dr. Herbert J. Spinden of the Brooklyn Museum, who will speak on Ancient Contacts between Mexico and Peru. Knowing of your interest in South America, I am taking the liberty of asking you to attend as my guest.

Sincerely yours,

VP:MG

November 15, 1934

Dr. H. S. Oberly, Secretary,  
Faculty Research Committee,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Oberly:

I have the pleasure to report to the Committee that my researches on Delaware Peyotism have culminated in the publication of a book "THE DIABOLIC ROOT".

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for assisting me in these researches with Grant number 126.

Sincerely yours,

VP:MG

TO Dr. V. M. Petruccio

DEPARTMENT

Anthropology

FROM The Faculty Research Committee

DATE October 26, 1934

SUBJECT Termination of Grant No. 126 from the Special Research Fund.

The Faculty Research Committee wishes to inform you that the remainder of \$ 30.50 which was in your grant from the Special Research Fund on June 30, 1934 has been returned to the Special Research Fund.

All monies so returned are available for additional grants and aid to members of the Faculty in Research Activities.

If there is any question concerning this action, or if you wish to apply for a new grant, will you please communicate with the Committee.

Faculty Research Committee,  
H. S. Oberly, Secretary

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WASHINGTON, D. C., U. S. A.

November 16, 1934.

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My dear Dr. Petrullo:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 13th and am delighted to know that you will prepare an article on the Ancient Civilizations of America. I am certain that this will be an admirable addition to the material that we will distribute in connection with the observance of Pan American Day in April next.

Miss Brown would also like to run this article in the Bulletin of the Pan American Union and she suggests an article of 3000 to 4000 words as a desirable length.

With cordial regards and renewed expression of appreciation, I am

Most sincerely yours,

*William Manger*  
William Manger,  
Counselor.

Dr. V. M. Petrullo,  
Field Director for  
South American Research,  
The University Museum,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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My dear Dr. Petruzzo:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 15th and beg to say that there is no need whatsoever to apologize for the salutation used in your letter of November 13th. Informality appeals to me.

I am more than delighted to know that you will prepare the article for us as I stated in my letter of yesterday.

I hope that I may have the pleasure of making your personal acquaintance some time in the near future, and beg to remain,

Most sincerely yours,

*William Manger*  
William Manger,  
Counselor.

Dr. Vincenzo Petruzzo,  
The University Museum,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WM/cr

November 17, 1934

Dr. E. R. Helwig,  
Secretary of Sigma Xi,  
Department of Zoology.

My dear Dr. Helwig:

In 1929 our chapter of Sigma Xi honored me with a grant for research in Delaware Peyotism. I have the pleasure to announce that my work on the subject has culminated with the publication of a book entitled "The Diabolic Root", published jointly by the University Museum and our Press. I want to take this opportunity of again thanking the Society for its aid.

Sincerely yours,

Vincenzo Petruccio

VP:MG

November 17, 1934

Dr. Ales Hrdlicka,  
National Museum,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Hrdlicka:

Over a year ago I sent to you at your request some bone material that I collected in Brazil in 1931. To date I have not received any report on it, and I should appreciate it if you could send me word as to what has become of the material, as well as any results of its study. I ask this with apologies knowing your busy life, but our Museum is organizing its skeletal material and we should like to include the Brazilian material.

I expect to be in Washington in the near future, and I shall consider it a privilege to visit you.

Sincerely yours,

Vincenzo Petrusillo

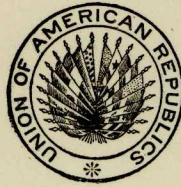
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Dear Dr. Petruccio:

Please forgive me for the delay in acknowledging the receipt of the three copies of your admirable book "The Diabolic Root" which you had the kindness to send me.

I wanted to read your book before writing to you, and it was only during this last week-end that I was able to do so.

I am glad that I reserved the holiday for that purpose, for once started, I did not stop until I was through, and then it was with a feeling of regret that I had reached the end of so fascinating a book.

I personally took a copy to Secretary Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, who, as you know, is deeply interested in everything which relates to the history of mankind.

With my warm congratulations and thanks, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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