

MUSIC DEPT.

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Dear Professor McAllester:

Thank you for your letter of November 30. It was good to hear from you and I was reminded once again of the visit I made to Wesleyan University and of the very pleasant time I had there despite the loss of my travel bags. The bags are still lost but I am keeping in touch with Continental Trailways . An officer in New York assured me that they would keep looking for them for 90 days after which time I would receive \$100.00. Then, assuming they were still missing, the search for the bags would continue for the remainder of the year. So I have not given up hope yet !

Please find enclosed a bank draft for \$12.24 to cover the cost of posting the packages I left behind because of the embargo on 2nd class mail. I am very sorry you had all that bother over the heavy bundle which had to be divided and repacked. I am glad to say that a great many other packages of a similar kind , which I posted to myself from Los Angeles last August , have all arrived here quite safely.

I left the States with many feelings of regret as I have made so many friends there in this past year and have been privileged to see and hear so much. I liked especially the 'total' approach to the study of music which I found at Wesleyan and have been expressing my enthusiasm for it ever since returning to Monash. I do hope that some day you will be able to visit us here. While in West Germany -- I stayed in West Berlin long enough to spend a whole day in the Museum of Anthropology-- I heard of an exchange program between the Institute of Music Research there and the University of Washington in Seattle. One of my many unrealised dreams , at the moment , is to see a similar kind of exchange program operating between an Australian university and one in the United States-- one which would not consider the arrangement too much of a one-way street!. Perhaps, if you are able to visit us here some time in the next year or so , we may be able to talk a little more about something of this kind. As you know we have Aborigines and Aboriginal music in Australia , but we are mighty short of scholars prepared to work in this field full time.

Please give my kindest regards to Mrs Mc Allester. I look forward to the time when we may be able to meet again.

My greetings and best wishes to you and to the Wesleyan music community,

Sincerely,

Alice M. Moyle