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Dear Ilaita,

I am writing this letter for two reasons. The first is to tell you that I enjoyed reading your Liaison Officer's report in the last Bulletin ( No. LXII) of the ICTM. You have done a very thorough job there. I was particularly glad to read what you said at the conclusion of your report on the ACCU.

My second reason for writing is to inform you about recent developments regarding the 'South Pacific Committee' which I would like to see formed, as part of the ICTM. It looks as if this Committee may soon become a reality. In a recent letter I received from Dieter Christensen, I have learned about ~~about~~ another proposal. This is to be discussed at the next Conference in New York ( Are you going?). Dieter suggests that there may be a large Oceania study group, one which would include a newly formed Oceania group, the 'survey project' organised by Mervyn McLean and our South Pacific group. In this way, Dieter says, we would all have the benefit of UNESCO patronage.

I have no objections to this. But I should like to have the name 'South Pacific' group/committee retained.

As you may remember from my talk at that small meeting in the Goroka T.C. Music Room, my concern is to involve people in the South Pacific regions who are interested in their own performances of music and dance. I would like to see more meetings of the same kind as the 'Conference for ethnomusicologists' which John Kelsey managed so well. I would like to find out ways in which we could arrange other meetings like this in Australia, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, New Caledonia and other regions in this area.

As Liaison Officers, you and I would continue to write reports for our respective countries. At the same time perhaps we should become 'joint-Presidents' of the South Pacific group of the ICTM.

I would like to try and arrange for our first meeting in 1984 and, hopefully, in Noumea during the South Pacific Dance Festival.

If you are agreeable to all this perhaps you would be kind enough to write me a letter before I finish my work here on Groote Eylandt. I expect to leave by the end of August.

The first thing we would need to do is to look into accommodation at Noumea and this means fund-raising and other very necessary matters.

You may wish to show this letter to Don Niles. Give him my regards and I hope he has received all those tapes which I had copied before I left Canberra. As you probably know, my gift to the IPNGS became a 'gift from Australia to Papua New Guinea'. This was quite a surprise to me, though I was very pleased to see all the interest that was taken in it.

Looking forward to your letter

Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

Dr Alice Moyle

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