



THE ANTARCTICAN SOCIETY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 2, 1968

Miss Betty Didcoct
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Dear Betty:

I am greatly pleased that you are willing to serve on the Education Committee of The Antarctic Society. As I have indicated in the enclosed letter to Ken Bertrand, I regard this as a most important committee for the future of the Society. This letter is not intended to limit the activities of the committee in any way but rather to set forth some of the possibilities confronting the Society. You will, I am sure, have many original ideas to contribute to the deliberations of the committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry", written in a cursive style.

HENRY M. DATER
President



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Dr. Kenneth J. Bertrand
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Dear Ken:

It is a great pleasure for me to know that you will accept the Chairmanship of the Committee on Education of The Antarctic Society. I regard this as a most important committee of the Society. Paul Daniels, Honorary President and the founder of the Society, has stated that, in the beginning, he felt that the organization should have two objectives: (1) to bring together in an informal way people from the many Government agencies and private institutions particularly in the Washington area; and (2) to serve as an educational and cultural center for all persons interested in the Antarctic. As you are aware these objectives are written into our Act of Incorporation and By-Laws.

In a recent conversation, Paul indicated that he believed the first objective had been largely accomplished. He thought it was time that the Society embarked upon the second. This aspect of our activities was the subject of lively discussion at a meeting of the Board of Directors on September 10, 1968. Since you were present, you are aware of the nature of the Board's interest.

In the Articles of Incorporation, of which I am enclosing a copy of the relevant portions, I find that the Society is empowered to prepare and disseminate data of all kinds; to print, distribute, and sell books and periodicals; to organize and sponsor lectures and public discussions; to establish and conduct a non-profit library; and to maintain museums and information centers. It is into these things that your Committee should inquire in a broad way.

I recognize that, to investigate these matters, may appear to be a futile exercise for an organization virtually without funds. I feel strongly, however, that we shall never be able to approach either our own members or Individuals and organizations outside the Society with request for money unless we can show a set of worthwhile objectives. Second, I believe that we should be able to show that we are taking steps, however small, toward our goals. Machiavelli once stated that it was not money which produces success, but that it was success which guarantees a supply of money. If we can start now, we should be able to obtain the funds we need.

You may wish to consult with the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Ralph Lenton, and the Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations, Commander Sid Wright. The latter committee has been requested to develop a periodic newsletter. You may find this a useful vehicle to disseminate information to our members.

Attached are the names and addresses of the members of the Committee on Education. It is a strong and capable group from which, I believe, will arise many original ideas and projects of which neither the members of the Board nor I have thought. If you feel that I, as President, can be useful in the work of your committee, I shall be most happy to help at any time.

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cc: Dr. J.L. Sladen
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