

Oceania and Africa of the National Research Council and related organizations.

The offices of the board are in the Smithsonian Institution Building, Tenth and Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D. C. (Telephones: District 1667; National 1810, extension 7).

The purposes of the Ethnogeographic Board are twofold: first, and most immediate, through the office of its director, to make readily accessible to Washington military and war agencies such specific regional information and evaluated personnel data as is available to the sponsoring institutions and numerous other governmental and outside scientific organizations with which they are affiliated or in contact; and second, with an eye to future needs, to encourage the promulgation through these institutions and outside agencies of more extensive research projects along the lines of applicable social science, linguistics and human geography. The Ethnogeographic Board, because of its regional approach to human problems in the geographic, biological and social sciences, is interdisciplinary in scope. Because of its close association with the four sponsoring organizations and, through them, with their affiliated scientific and professional societies and the universities, it possesses unusual facilities for locating the most competent authorities upon specific subjects, and for recommending the inauguration by research organizations outside of the government of broader studies, which have a direct bearing upon governmental war and post-war needs.

Since the opening of its offices in June, the Ethnogeographic Board has made progress toward accomplishing these purposes. Personnel lists of world areas of strategic importance have been placed in the hands of offices and individuals charged with the prosecution of the war. Information of interest to these offices has been secured from competent individuals and placed in the official channels of greatest usefulness. Moreover, many scientists, professional men and world travelers visiting Washington have made it a practice to see that the board is in possession of data regarding their field experience and special capabilities. Others who know that their names do not appear in any of the available lists are encouraged to correspond with the director.

In response to other requests from the military agencies, the Ethnogeographic Board has arranged for special research projects by university departments in the fields of human biology, culture and geography. The further cooperation of universities, scientific and professional societies, committees and university departments in these fields is requested. The board offers special facilities for the prompt transmission of useful information and research potentialities to the military, war agencies and other departments of the government which are directly concerned with the vast

social, economic and political changes now in accelerated progress in all parts of the world.

The membership of the board, which serves as a policy-forming and advisory body to the director, was chosen jointly by the four sponsoring institutions. The members were designated as representatives of varied important human disciplines, on the basis of their familiarity with one or more geographical regions and their experience and associations. In addition, the executive officers of the sponsoring institutions act as advisers to the director in Washington. Other individuals in close contact with the work of the board may be elected consultants. As the need arises additional members of the Ethnogeographic Board may be appointed. The present members are Carl E. Guthe, *Chairman*, University of Michigan; Wendell C. Bennett, Yale University; Carter Goodrich, Columbia University; John E. Graf, U. S. National Museum; Robert B. Hall, University of Michigan, and Wilbur A. Sawyer, Rockefeller Foundation.

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ETHNOGEOGRAPHIC BOARD

LOCATION OF NEW AND RARE INSTRUMENTS

THE Committee on Location of New and Rare Instruments has the following offers and requests:

Instruments Offered

Curie Electrometer (Paris make)
 Loewe-Zeiss Liquid Interferometer
 L. & N. Portable Potentiometer (No. 7655) with 2 quinhydrone and 1 calomel electrodes
 Microammeter, D'Arsonval Type (Model S of Sensitive Research Instrument Corp.). Rental only
 Quartz Microscope
 Siemens & Halske Optical Pyrometer
 Two-circle Reflecting Goniometer (several).
 Welch D.C. Volt-Ammeter (0-150v. 0-15a.)
 Westinghouse 4-unit moving coil Type PA Oscillograph with three galvanometers
 Weston Galvanometer (#375)
 Weston Galvanometer (#440)
 Weston Voltmeter (#280)

Instruments Needed

Coleman Spectrophotometer (10 requests)
 Grating Spectrograph (9 requests)
 Leitz Ultrapak or equivalent
 Quartz Spectrograph
 Zeiss Optimeter
 Zeiss Pulfrich Refractometer (8 requests).

Information concerning these offers and requests for rare instruments that can be sold, loaned or leased for essential war or other research can be obtained from the undersigned.

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