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Ifugao Collection Correspondence, 1971-1974

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1610 Laurel St., (2nd floor)  
Manila, Philippines  
January 14, 1971

Dear Dr. Walz:

Greetings and best wishes to you both for 1971. Thank you for your letter which we just received. Mail jamming in Manila is as always during Christmas and New Years. Truly time flies and I am getting old too, mostly gray hairs, perhaps through heridity on my maternal side.

I am really glad you still think of Ifugao and I wish you can come again with Betty and spend more time in Ifugao. I believe you can still make it. There is a retired (old timer) and Chicago man, Mr. E. D. Hester who has a fine house in Banaue and who is always happy to have as guests men interested in culture. I do not remember you meeting him but he is a bachelor, 77 years old or around that, a former Associate Director of the Philippine Studies Programe, University of Chicago. He lives in Banaue during the dry months from February to August and the rest in Manila but occasionally spends Christmas in Banaue. You can always be my guest at our Inn too.

I thank you for your offer to repair the camera but I believe it is the lens that is damage or poorly functioning. It does not give any more clear photos. I am planning to buy a similar camera when I make another deal with my buy and sale. However if after talking to a camera mechanic, you believe the lens can be changed cheaper than buying a new one, I will send the camera and I will be glad to reimburse all expenses. Please let me know.

The last bad typhoon "Yoling" had done the most damage I can remember. One room of our building lost most of its windows but otherwise the collections is quite intact. The two bad quakes the previous year damaged a few of our porcelain. I am still tied up with the museum but I pray 1971 will bring me luck and I shall deal all even if it is outside of the Philippines.

Again best wishes to you and Betty.

Cordially,

*Bill*

January 23, 1971

Dear Bill:

Betty and I were real pleased to receive your letter of January 14. We do want to keep in touch with you. Thank you for the invitation to spend more time in Banaue. We will have to see what the future holds for us financially. It is interesting that Mr. E. D. Hester has chosen to live there at 77 years of age. No, I did not meet him but I should like to.

I have checked into the cost of repair of your camera. If you are fairly certain that the lens is damaged, it probably would not pay to return it for repairs. I was not able here in Eau Claire to learn the cost of a new lens but the cost of a general reconditioning of the camera is \$23.50. The lens would cost extra. The Kodak Instamatic 304 which I sent you has been replaced by their Instamatic X-35 with a spring-powered flash cube which does not require batteries. I will include a Kodak description.

*Cost here is \$39.00.*

As close as you are to Japan, I wonder if you couldn't do better shopping in Manila for a Japanese camera having the features which you desire. I am convinced that the Japanese are making some of the best cameras in the world today at lower prices than U.S.-made cameras.

Speaking of Japan, Betty and I are planning to attend the movie "Tora! Tora! Tora!" this evening. It is the story of the attack on Pearl Harbor. It was being filmed in Hawaii while we were there in 1968. On December 7, 1941, I was in San Francisco scheduled to sail for Manila on December 8. I was an American Red Cross field director at that time. Because of the attack on Pearl Harbor, my visit to the Philippines was delayed some 23 years! So you can see why I will be interested in seeing the film.

I am glad that your father's collections were not damaged by typhoon "Yoling". We are especially glad that no one of your family suffered. You have had a long and difficult task disposing of your father's collections. I do hope that you are successful in completing the job in 1971. I know that you would like to move back to Banaue.

Betty and I will always be interested in news from you and Pacita.

January 22, 1972

Dear Bill:

I was negligent in getting a Christmas letter written to you this year, so I will try to make up for my neglect. When looking through my folder of correspondence with you recently, I was reminded that back in 1965 I promised to have a black and white enlargement made of a slide which I made of Uyammi in 1964 when your son, Eric, took us on a tour of Bocos. I postponed having it made at that time for some reason and then completely forgot about it. During the past week I had one made and have it wrapped for mailing as soon as I can get to the Post Office. I will send it air mail to your Banaue address, because I think that there is a possibility that you have moved back to the Mountains. A package might not be forwarded in case you have given up your father's apartment at 1610 Jose Laurel Street. I will appreciate it if you will see that Uyammi gets it sometime. Please give him our best regards. We hope and trust that he is in good health.

How is your family and yourself? We hope that all of you are fine. Have any of your children married yet? Did Henry or your oldest daughter choose to study anthropology? I know that you have had your hands full helping your many children through school. I have often wondered if Raymundo Baguilat (of Kiangan) went on to law school and if he became a lawyer. He rode beside us from Baguio to Bontoc and told us that he was on his way to Kiangan to ask his father's permission to attend law school.

Betty and I are both in fairly good health. Both of us have our aches and pains but I think that is normal for persons our age. I have submitted my resignation from the faculty for purposes of retirement at the end of the present semester. We plan to remain in Eau Claire for a while at least. I wish we could afford to move to a warmer climate for the winter months. Last summer we toured the Southwest and the West looking for an "ideal" place to live during retirement. Few places pleased us as much as Eau Claire. We liked Ashland, Oregon, best of what we saw. However, we dislike leaving our many friends here. I think it might be difficult (at our age) to make satisfying friendships in a strange place. I look forward to having time to do some research and writing. I am also going to try raising a vegetable garden next summer for the first time in my life.

On January 12 we saw on television the National Geographic film titled "The Last Tribes of Mindanao". I wonder if you have seen it. It is mostly the story of the work of Secretary Manuel Elizalde, Jr., of the President's Arm for National Minorities. I wish that I could get the money to visit the Philippines and spend some time among your people but I am afraid that it costs too much.

On a list of Philippine books which I received from The Cellar Book Shop of Detroit I noticed your father's Philippine Tektites listed for \$18.75. I guess I told you that I donated most of the Ifugao artifacts which I purchased from you to our University. They are a part of the permanent Ifugao exhibit in Schofield Hall. I frequently hear favorable comments about them.

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Cordially,

2904 Ellis Street  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701

June 11, 1973

Director  
Department of Anthropology  
Field Museum of Natural History  
East Roosevelt Road & South Lake Shore Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Dear Sir:

Friends tell me that you have a very fine Ifugao exhibit, although I have not seen it myself. I visited the Ifugao in 1964 and became quite interested in their culture. I built a scale model of the traditional Ifugao house (4 c.m. = 1 foot). Last year I retired from college teaching (sociology and anthropology). We are planning to move to smaller quarters and I am looking for a museum which might like to have my Ifugao hut. I am writing to learn if you think that you might be able to use it.

Besides some recent pictures of the hut, I am enclosing three working sketches, and duplicates of eight slides which were taken in Ifugao subprovince. The sketches were mailed to William Beyer who made corrections. He also sent me Sketch "C" which he drew himself. William Beyer was reared among the Ifugao. He is the son of Dr. Otley Beyer, famous authority on the Ifugao, and an Ifugao mother who still lives in a traditional hut in an Ifugao village. I think my hut is fairly authentic. It was constructed without nails, the elements being held together by pegs or mortise and tenon. Inside it has the traditional fire box with drying rack above. The roof is thatched with small bundles of broom straws sewed to the bamboo sheathing with khaki-colored thread. I have purposely left the front section of the roof open. The hut measures approximately 30 inches in height. At the lower edge of the roof is 35 inches long and 28 inches wide. I still plan to do about ten more hours work on the thatching.

If after looking over the enclosed material you think that the Museum might be interested in acquiring this model Ifugao house, I would try to arrange to deliver it in my own car. It would be a little difficult to pack it for shipping. On the other hand, if the Museum cannot use it, would you please return the pictures in the enclosed envelope so that I might offer the hut to another museum?

Cordially,

Orry C. Walz

Enclosures

3 sketches  
8 slides  
Stamped envelope

FIELD MUSEUM  
OF NATURAL HISTORY

28 June 1973

Mr. Orry C. Walz  
2904 Ellis Street  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701

Dear Mr. Walz:

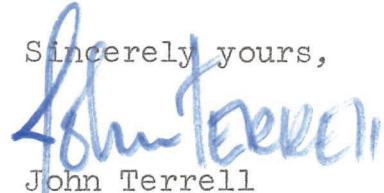
The Director, E. Leland Webber, has given me your letter of June 11th in which you offer to give us your fine model of an Ifugao house.

After appropriate review of our collection, it is a pleasure to be able to say that we would be delighted to give the model a secure home. Our entire exhibition on the Philippines will soon be remounted in another exhibition hall according to modern standards. Thus we would be unable to exhibit the model right now, and in truth I could not guarantee future exhibition.

However, the value of an accurate representation goes far beyond its show-piece quality. In fact, it would be most useful if you could provide a file of all relevant documents and letters used during its construction, to be placed in our archives for consultation along with the model. I do not mean, of course, books and other information readily available, but notes on books consulted, plans drawn, etc.

I hope you remain interested in giving us your model and I look forward to hearing soon again from you.

Sincerely yours,



John Terrell  
Assistant Curator,  
Oceanic Archaeology  
and Ethnology

JT:pd

2904 Ellis Street  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701

July 5, 1973

Mr. John Terrell  
Assistant Curator,  
Oceanic Archaeology and Ethnology  
Field Museum of Natural History  
Roosevelt Road at Lake Shore Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Dear Mr. Terrell:

This will acknowledge your letter of June 28. I am glad to hear you say that the Museum would be willing to give my model Ifugao house a secure home. I have put many hours into its planning and construction. I should like to think that it would be put to some educational use in the future.

I will be glad to provide you with a file of copies of relevant documents, letters, and references used in planning the construction of the house. I hope you will keep slides which I mailed with my letter of June 11. It was from such pictures, as well as from personal observation of huts near Banaue in 1964, that many of my ideas derived.

Since we are busy getting our home ready to rent by August 15, I may run short of time to complete the roof of the hut and make the trip to Chicago to deliver it to you. We plan to leave for Florida about August 16. I will keep you informed of my progress.

Sincerely,

Orry C. Walz  
Professor Emeritus

7-53-73 (late)

Mailed not telling him to expect  
me forenoon 8 July 30.

# Field Museum

1. Ask about gift receipt for I.R.S.

2. " " appraised value

Beyer's unthatched hut (1964) ₱ 375 = \$100  
75% of cost for shipping  
TOTAL COST (1964) =  $\frac{75}{100}$   
= \$1.75

July 30, 1973. Delivered Ifugao model house to Dept. of Oceanic Archaeology & Ethnology at Field Museum. John Terrell, Asst. Curator, & one of his young assistants carried it in. We took a huge elevator to the Dept. on one of the upper floors. Five of the young assistants came in from the "Research Facility" and several men older than John came in and were introduced. One man, who seemed to know a lot about Polynesia, stayed until I left and asked quite a few questions, especially about the technique of thatching. They said that E. D. Hester, who was for a short period employed at the Field Museum, is now living near Banaue. Their story was that he had the Ifugao build him a native type house with the dimensions doubled. They said that he rented a rice field and paid rent in the amount of the value of the rice which the plot would produce. Hester was connected with the Center for Philippine Studies.

John said that the plans to refurbish the Field Museum building, according to Harry Weese's design, will take about 10 yrs. The Oceanic exhibits will be entirely redone in a modernistic manner. The old museum cases will be thrown out and can be had for the asking.

John says that they have the best Philippine collection in the world. Much is in storage. The Ifugao exhibit which I saw (current) is inadequate. It is labeled "Cummings Expedition, 1906". I failed to get the name of the collector.

831 Yellowbird Avenue  
Deltona, Florida 32763

September 17, 1973

Dear Bill:

I wonder how you are getting along by this time. You will notice by our address that we have moved to Florida. We rented our house in Eau Claire for nine months to a new professor at the University there. We have rented a furnished house here in Deltona until next June; we want to try living conditions here for that long before selling our home in Wisconsin. So far the air here has been warm and humid. We have also had rain almost every afternoon; however, the "rainy season" is supposed to end soon and the air should be somewhat cooler. Our house is in a semirural area and is surrounded by 50-foot pine trees. If you were to try to locate Deltona on a map of Florida, you might not find it, because it is a new "planned community" midway between Sanford and DeLand somewhere near the geographic center of the state. We are 27 miles northeast of Orlando and 27 miles southwest of Daytona Beach.

Bill, I wonder if you would do me a favor. I donated my model Ifugao house to the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago and I need a rough appraisal of its monetary value by an "expert" for income tax purposes. I think if I had a statement from you simply quoting the price which you are asking for a similar model Ifugao house, such as the one which you had in the lounge of your Inn when Betty and I stayed there in 1964, it would satisfy any question raised by the tax people. You would be in no way involved. I would be the one who would have to defend my claim of the value of my gift. Because I know that you are busy, I will enclose a statement and a return envelope. If you would write in the price and sign the statement, I would greatly appreciate it. My model house was approximately 30 inches in height and constructed according to the plans which you so kindly sent me. It is put together with pegs or mortise and tenon.

Betty and I drove to Chicago in July and delivered my model to the Department of Oceanic Archaeology and Ethnology. The people who work there were very interested in the model and asked a number of questions. They are getting ready to rearrange their Philippine exhibits. They couldn't promise me that my model would be exhibited but they said that it would be useful to researchers who were interested in the Ifugao culture. I was pleased to have them accept it, for my own University would not provide a place for it. I spent many hours working on it. I also donated the Ifugao figurines in the enclosed picture to the Field Museum. In my letter to the Museum I gave you credit for drawing the diagrams which I followed in constructing the house.

I don't remember the names of the older men whom I met at the Museum but one of them asked me if I knew E. D. Hester. I told him that you had mentioned Mr. Hester. The Ifugao exhibit which is currently on display is inadequate. It is labeled "Cummings Expedition, 1906." The Bontoc exhibit is better and that of the Apayao is very good.

Betty and I are both in excellent health. I retired from full-time teaching in May of 1972. During the fall semester of 1972-73 I taught two classes in anthropology. Our best regards to you and Pacita. We wish all your family the best of health.

Sincerely,

831 Yellowbird Avenue  
Deltona, Florida 32763

September 20, 1973

Mr. John Terrell  
Assistant Curator,  
Oceanic Archaeology and Ethnology  
Field Museum of Natural History  
Roosevelt Road at Lake Shore Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Dear Mr. Terrell:

You will recall that I delivered my model Ifugao house to you on July 30. You suggested that I let you know when I had a Florida address. We are now settled and are receiving mail at the above address. Our telephone number is (305) 574-1071.

Would you like to give me a formal acknowledgment of the gift which I could use for income tax purposes. I have written William Beyer to ask the price which he is currently getting for a similar model which he sells.

John, do you remember the men, older than you, who dropped into your office to look at the Ifugao house and were introduced to me. I would like to remember their names but I failed to do so. When I get a chance I would like to look up their publications.

Thank you for your interest in my model and your courtesy to me.

Cordially,

Orry C. Walz  
Professor Emeritus

Ifugao or Mt. Prov., Region  
NAYONG PILIPINO  
MIA Avenue, Pasay City

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Walz:

Greetings from the Philippines and we pray this reaches you both in good health.

Forgive me for having failed to let you know the several forwarding addresses or for having failed to write you. Even before Banaue town burned including our hotel and residence, we were already residing in Manila after my father's death in 1966 at 1610 Laurel street, Manila. Then when our small museum was sealed by the military after declaration of martial law, I moved to a small place in Sta. Mesa and started building a small place some 15 .9 kilometers south of Manila. Although we are just two miles away from the Manila airport, our place is still undeveloped. Our street has no name and the houses no numbers and we have no mail service or telephone service. In this small place, I brought along my small collection and a part of our library. In the next year or two I shall be occupied classifying and making type copies of some of the manuscripts.

Pacita and some of our unmarried children are living in Ermita the business center. She still carries on retailing and exporting some Ifugao wood carvings and other Philippine handicrafts.

We seldom visit Banaue. Many of our mails get lost when they forward them. I have just received two of your letters one is over a year old.

I am sorry if the enclosed statement about the local price of the model Ifugao house is late for your purpose. Prices have been steadily going up since a year ago on all things in the Philippines so that my estimate of \$200 or about P1,400 for a small Ifugao hut is quite correct.

We are keeping up a small shop at the Philippine Village known here as "NAYONG PILIPINO". It will be the only safe address we can give you until we can get mail service in our new place. The shop is located in the Mt. Province region. This small shop is being cared for by one of my Ifugao nieces and we visit it once or two times a week. We sell in this shop new and old Mt. Province artifacts, ethnic fabrics, baskets, old and new traditional carvings dishes and spoons, beads, porcelain, etc. It is now our only source for bread and butter.

If all goes well and I succeed in attending the ICOM conference in Copenhagen this June, I may return via the USA and if a trip to Florida does not cost too much, I may pay you a visit. I had been invited by ICOM and the Director of the Phil. National Museum recommended me as his proxy to represent the Philippines.

Till next writing, best wishes to both of you.

Your friend,

*Bill*  
William G. Beyer

FIELD MUSEUM  
OF NATURAL HISTORY

12 November 1973

Professor Orry C. Walz  
831 Yellowbird Avenue  
Deltona, Florida 32763

Dear Professor Walz:

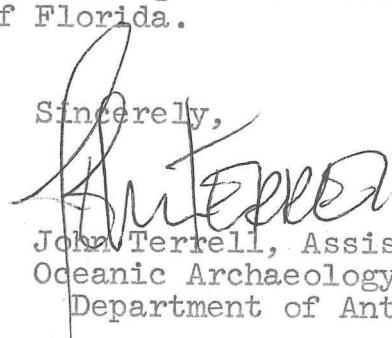
Please forgive me for being so tardy with a reply to your letter of September 20th, which was a long time ago, letting us know your new address in Florida. I need not explain to someone else in the academic life that letters, at times, seem to sink into the swamp on one's desk, only to be rescued (if at all) at the last minute.

It is a great pleasure to acknowledge formally your gift to Field Museum of Natural History of your fine, self-made model of a native Ifugao house. The Museum is glad to add it to its permanent collections.

In your letter, you ask after the names of the two other curators you met while here at Field Museum. The taller one is Donald Collier, Curator of Middle and South American Archaeology and Ethnology. And the other one is Phil Lewis, Curator of Primitive Art and Melanesian Ethnology.

Again, the Museum thanks you for the Ifugao model and wishes you good fortune in your new state of Florida.

Sincerely,

  
John Terrell, Assistant Curator  
Oceanic Archaeology & Ethnology  
Department of Anthropology

Fair Market Value (Based upon Independent Appraisal)

\$300.00

11/12/ 1973 J. T.

2904 Ellis Street  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701  
May 31, 1974

Dear Bill & Pacita:

Thank you so much for sending the statement regarding the present price of the model Ifugao house. It will be very useful if the Internal Revenue Service should question me regarding the tax deduction which I claimed for the gift.

Betty and I were delighted and surprised to learn that you might possibly pay us a visit. I am so happy for you that you will get the trip to Copenhagen in June. We would indeed be pleased if you found it possible to stop with us for a day or two or more. We have recently moved from Florida to our home in Eau Claire. As soon as your letter arrived today, I sent a telegram to you at the Nayong Pilipino address, informing you of our move; however, I have some doubts that the message will reach you, so I am sending this letter immediately, hoping that one or the other will be delivered to you before you leave for Copenhagen.

If you happen to be crossing the U.S. from New York to San Francisco or Los Angeles or Seattle, it would probably cost no more to stop over at Minneapolis. Eau Claire is about 90 miles east of Minneapolis with a fine highway between the two cities. If you will let me know a day in advance, we would plan to meet you at the Minneapolis Airport and drive you back there when you were ready to continue your journey. I will need to know the name of the airline by which you will be arriving and your flight number or time of arrival. We have a spare room for you to sleep in and we will feed you for as long as you will stay with us; however, we cannot promise to feed you as well as Pacita fed us when we stayed at the Banaue Inn! If you can put up with Betty's cooking, you will not go hungry.

I was sorrowed to learn from your letter that the town of Banaue burned, including your hotel and residence; also that your father's museum was closed. I am glad that you are able to keep your shops operating. I hope that you and your children have good fortune in the future.

Betty and I are both well and glad to be back in beautiful Wisconsin. We enjoyed our 9 months in Florida but we do not think that we would like to live there permanently. In April we took a brief tour to Peru to see the remains of the Inca and pre-Inca cultures. The most dramatic site visited was Machu Picchu, the stone fortress in the Andes. The trip was sponsored by the John Young Museum of Orlando, Florida.

We will have a lot to talk about if you should come our way. I must stop now and get this to the Post Office.



2904 Ellis Street  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701  
June 1, 1974

Mr. William G. Beyer  
Philippines Delegate  
ICOM Conference  
C/o Danish National Museum  
Copenhagen, Denmark

Dear Bill:

Since receiving your letter yesterday I have sent a telegram and an air mail letter to you at Nayong Pilipino in the Mountain Province, but I have some doubts that either message will reach you before you depart for Copenhagen, so I am hoping that this letter will be delivered to you in Copenhagen.

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You may call me collect. Our Area Code is: 715  
Phone number is: 834-9308

We have a spare room for you to sleep in and we will feed you for as long as you will stay with us; however, we cannot promise to feed you as well as Pacita fed us when we stayed at the Banaue Inn. If you can put up with Betty's cooking, you will not go hungry.

We will have a lot to talk about if you come our way. I want you to meet my friend, Prof. Ken Campbell, who is an art teacher and sculptor; he is interested in anthropology and has done some museum work.

I hope you enjoy the Conference and have a safe and enjoyable trip.