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Dear Mr. Friberg:

I appreciated your letter of 16 February 1980 which described some of your research activities at Penrhyn and provided information on sea turtles of the atoll. The delay in your correspondence is of course understandable considering the lengthy interval in mail service which you mentioned.

As requested, I am sending you a copy of one of the papers (Tuvalu) presented at the SPC/NMFS Noumea workshop. I will make sure that you receive the final report covering the meeting. This document will probably be directly sent to you by Dr. Rene Grandperrin, Fisheries Adviser with the South Pacific Commission.

For your use, I am also sending several line drawing identification cards of sea turtles, as well as sections from the book "Ethnology of Tongareva" (by P. H. Buck, 1932) which cover ceremonial use of turtles, and fishing techniques. The islets of Hangarei and Motuunga are mentioned in this narrative, but I have not been able to locate them on existing maps. Perhaps you could provide some current information on this important subject.

I would be glad to help you in whatever way possible if you decide to enter into studies at the University of Hawaii. The Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology is not a degree awarding facility as such, but rather a research division of the University of Hawaii. Your formal area of study in marine biology would therefore have to be pursued either through the Department of Zoology or the Department of Oceanography.

I look forward to hearing from you again as your work and mail service permit.

Sincerely,

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