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I am writing to to enquire whether I can possibly obtain the assistance of African Research and Documentation to locate a collection of typescripts. The circumstances in which the essays were written are as follows.

1926, Section E (Geography) of the British Association instituted a committee "to enquire into the present state of knowledge of the Human Geography of Tropical Africa, and to make recommendations for furtherance and development". The secretary of the committee, the late Professor A. G. Ogilvie of Edinburgh University, compiled a pamphlet which "sets forth the aims of the investigation", and which he brought to the notice of the Colonial Office. In February of 1931, the Governor of Northern Rhodesia, who had been approached by Ogilvie, gave his approval, and copies of the pamphlet were circulated among government officials. The result was that by 1934, when Ogilvie was president of Section E of the B.A., he was able to announce in his presidential address that essays had been received from government officials (District Officer) for all but two of the thirty-three Districts in the Territory (Scottish Geographical Magazine, 1934, L, 353-378). Within a year, the outstanding essays were dispatched from Lusaka to Edinburgh (list of Districts and authors of essays attached).

Very little use was made of the essays by Ogilvie. A preliminary summary of their contents was contained in his presidential address, which is entitled 'Co-operative Research in Geography: With an African Example'. He intended to compile a book from the material contained in the essays, but for reasons unknown to me, he did not do so. The Chief Secretary in Northern Rhodesia costed the printing by Government Printer of all the essays within one volume in an edition of 300 copies for local use, but the cost proved too high. The Chief Secretary would have used the duplicate copies which remained in his

possession, 19 of which found their way into the National Archives of Zambia. These were readily located by me during a visit to Lusaka in July and August of last year, but several days of archival searching failed to produce the missing 15.

My enquiries so far have included the British Museum - Catalogue of Additions to the Manuscripts up to 1946, the Department of Manuscripts, British Library, the Department of Printed Books, British Library, the Natural History Library of the British Museum, the Index to the Manuscripts in Edinburgh University Library, the Geography Department and Library of Edinburgh University, the School of Oriental and African Studies, the Rhodes House Library, Oxford, the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, the Royal Anthropological Institute, the International African Institute, the Public Record Office, the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, the Royal Institute of International Affairs, the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, The British Association, The Royal Geographical Society, The Pitt-Rivers Museum, Oxford, the library of the Royal Commonwealth Society and the library of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. I have also approached members of the reconstituted committee in 1952.

I have had one major success so far, and that is to locate a reduced photostat copy of all the typescript essays in the library of the Royal Anthropological Institute (MS 175). However, I am pressing on with my search for the originals because this may well be accompanied by correspondence which would shed light on their origins. Also, I am interested in any work that the committee may have done outside Northern Rhodesia. I know, for example, that essays were published on Districts in Tanzania and Malawi, and I have been told that at least some of the Northern Rhodesia essays were sent to Nigeria. The larger work of the committee is relevant to my presentation of the Northern Rhodesia essays.

Yours sincerely,

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