

Saludos:

MESOAMERICA is one of the most fascinating anthropological areas of the world, and has its fair share of professional researchers and enthusiasts. But somehow I have the feeling that there could be a greater coordination among all of the research projects being undertaken in Mesoamerica. And, that probably all parties concerned would be happier if perhaps there was a better interchange of knowledge and ideas.

Therefore, it has been proposed that a new Newsletter-Bulletin be initiated to permit an up-to-date exchange of information on matters pertaining solely to Mesoamerica. Professional researchers could be kept better informed as to what their colleagues are doing, thereby possibly eliminate duplication of some projects, and allow for closer cooperation. In many cases it is just simply a matter of interest to know what is going on in Mexico, Guatemala, etc.—anthropologically speaking, that is.

So KATUNOB is officially in operation—to serve as a communication media for keeping tract of what is going on in Mesoamerica—archaeologically, ethnologically, linguistically, physical anthropologically, art'chaeologically, etc. It will attempt to be a collecting organ for such information, IF everyone will cooperate by sending in a steady flow of information.

It is proposed that the Newsletter-Bulletin be issued every 2-3 months (bi-monthly or quarterly) as sufficient material accumulates. These will then be distributed to all those who have indicated an interest in subscribing and thereby participating. Thus, like the American Anthropological Association's Bulletin, we can keep up on what is going on—though in this case, specifically in Mesoamerica.

Checking through various published membership lists I have thus far found some 700 people who are interested in various phases of Mesoamerican anthropology; this excludes history in general. So certainly a newsletter-bulletin should prove to be of immense value in bringing this group closer together.

I am not interested in lengthy articles which could be better printed in regular journals, but rather in notification—news items—on what people are doing that might be of interest to others: what field trips are scheduled, what items of interest discovered on the last one, and any problems which could be answered if people were

brought into closer communication. The journal will be bi-lingual (English-Spanish), permitting those in Mexico and Central America to submit news items in their own language. The majority of the material, however, will by necessity have to be in English owing to my deficiency in Spanish.

Now one further problem remains. That, of course, deals with the cost of publication and distribution of such material. For 200, 300, 400, or even maybe 500 subscriptions the cost would be prohibitive, unless financed perhaps by The Rockefeller Foundation! On the other hand, a neatly prepared mimeographed bulletin would be relatively inexpensive to produce and could be easily distributed (being sent in manila envelopes).

Thus, to meet the cost of publication, it is proposed that each person who cares to subscribe to KATUNOB would pay a subscription charge of \$1.00 (US) per year. This is not prohibitive, but if enough subscribe, should be sufficient to cover the costs satisfactorily, and permit some extra copies to be mailed to foreign departmental and university libraries and interested colleagues. Any additional contributions would, of course, also be welcomed!

So, to formally initiate the undertaking, if you will (1) fill out the accompanying information sheet...with address, and the specific data requested, (2) return it, (3) accompanied by your \$1.00 (or its equivalent in other currency: 12 pesos, 7 shillings, 1 ivory elephant tusk, etc.), and, (4) some item of interest you might like to submit for future issues of KATUNOB.

Several issues of KATUNOB have already been published and are still available as a part of this year's subscription. The first number was 40 pages in length, the second 54, the third 60, etc.

If you are originally from Missouri, and "want to see it, to believe it", I shall be very glad to send along a sample copy at your request.

I certainly do hope that you will be responsive. I shall do my very best to make the project successful. And certainly by all means, any suggestions, comments, criticisms, or comments of appreciation are welcomed.

Respectfully yours,

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Position and Institutional Affiliation:

(1) Area of Specific Geographic Interest in Mesoamerica (indicate countries, states, if your interests can be so limited):

(2) Areas of General Interest in Mesoamerica (circle field or fields of interest):

ARCHAEOLOGY ETHNOLOGY LINGUISTICS PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

SPANISH HISTORY FOLKLORE ART GENERAL INTEREST OTHER:

(3) Area (s) of Specific Interest in Mesoamerica in terms of your research investigations:

(4) Research Projects currently under way which might be of interest to others:

(5) Field work in Mesoamerica (areas, and dates):

(6) Any contemplated field trips to Mesoamerica planned? Where, when?

(Return to Prof. George E. Fay, Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology, Southern State College, Magnolia, Arkansas, USA.)