

234 Berkeley Street
Boston, Mass.

January 30, 1929.

Mr. William Seakins,
The Seakins Bureau
Times Building,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

The Harvard Travellers Club, composed largely of Harvard graduates, wishes to invite Dr. Nansen to a complimentary dinner in Boston, at which they would make him an honorary member and present him with the Club's medal. Officers of the Club have had a brief conference with Dr. Nansen this morning and find that he would be very glad to act on their suggestion, provided we can arrange with you to release him for a date sometime in March.

Owing to the necessity of making definite arrangements here as to time, the Club-- in case you feel disposed to grant our request at all-- would be glad to have the date settled at as early a day as practicable giving them, if possible, at least two or three weeks time for that purpose.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Committee.

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February, 4, 1929

Mr. Edward Wigglesworth, Secretary,
Harvard Travellers Club,
234 Berkeley Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wigglesworth:

I have your letter of January 30th inviting Dr. Nansen to a complimentary dinner in Boston at which you would like to make him an honorary member of the Club and present him with the Club's medal.

While Dr. Nansen would like to accept your kind invitation I do not see how it can be done with our consent at this time. You say you want two or three weeks time to arrange for the meeting. He will be leaving the East on the 6th of February and will not return until the 14th or 15th of February. Shortly after that he will be going to the West and may go to the Pacific Coast. If he does, he will not return East until late in March and it is not likely that he will be in America later than that month.

We have an arrangement with him by which it makes it absolutely impossible for us to set aside dates except on a professional basis more than two or three days ahead, because we must be free to accept engagements as we are under contract with him. I regret, therefore, our inability to agree to do what you request, even though Dr. Nansen and we both would like to do it.

Sincerely yours,

President.

W B Feakins

WBF:S

Byrd
MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOOLOGY
AT HARVARD COLLEGE
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

June 9, 1930

Mr. George A. Lyon
P. O. Box 2287
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lyon:

File Byrd

I am very glad that you have made reservations for the Travellers Club meetings next year.

It occurred to me, that the Club might give its medal to Commander Byrd at our November or December meeting. What do you think of this plan? It would, of course, have to be voted by the Council, in any case if you write now to Captain Railey at Byrd's headquarters in New York you might be able to engage him to speak at one of our meetings next winter.

Sincerely yours,

Harold J. Corbridge Jr.

June 11th,
1930.

Harold J. Coolidge, Jr., Esq.,
Museum of Comparative Zoology,
Harvard College,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Coolidge:

I have your letter
of June 9th. I should say the Club
medal would be very appropriate for
Admiral Byrd. If you will give me
Captain Railey's initials and where the
Byrd Headquarters are in New York, I
will at once write to try to get him
here in the fall.

Thanks for your
assistance.

Sincerely yours,

GAL-KAC

George A. Lyon.

June 20th,
1930.

Harold J. Coolidge, Jr., Esq.,
Museum of Comparative Zoology,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Coolidge:

I have written to
New York to get Admiral Byrd up here
for the Harvard Travellers Club, but
I see in the paper that he is expect-
ed to arrive in Boston some time soon
and I wonder whether you know him and
if so, whether you could follow this
up personally. I do not know him or
I should be glad to do so myself. Per-
haps Dr. Strong is acquainted with him
if you are not. Will you please let
me know.

Sincerely yours,

GAL-KAC

George A. Lyon,

Sec'y Harvard
Travellers Club.

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- these who don't
- Byrd

MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOOLOGY

AT HARVARD COLLEGE

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

June 24, 1930

Mr. George Armstrong Lyon
P. O. Box 2287
Boston, Massachusetts

File Boston Travellers

Dear Mr. Lyon:

I think that we should be able to make arrangements for Admiral Byrd to speak to the Harvard Travellers Club without bothering him at this time. Please let me know what you hear from Captain Railey, his business manager. I know Captain Railey quite well and Admiral Byrd slightly, so that if any difficulties arise they could properly be ironed out, but I do not want to bother either of them at the busy time of their reception in Boston during the next few days.

I do not think that Dr. Strong is acquainted with him.

Sincerely yours,

Harold J. Corbridge

Stearns
- Those who didn't
- Byrd

MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOOLOGY
AT HARVARD COLLEGE
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

June 13, 1939

Mr. George Armstrong Lyon
P. O. Box 2287
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lyon:

File *Had Travelers*

I hope you will ask Admiral Byrd to speak to us at one of our meetings next winter. I would suggest giving him the choice of two or three dates, perhaps November, December, and January.

We can decide in the fall about the matter of the Club Medal. It is quite possible the Council may not agree to voting it for him, but in any case we want very much to have him as our guest.

All his arrangements are made by Captain H. H. Railey, at the Byrd Headquarters, 2 West 45th Street, New York City.

I will write you later if I have any other bright ideas.

Sincerely yours,

Harold J. Corbridge Jr.

-Byrd
BYRD ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

REAR ADMIRAL, R. E. BYRD, U.S.N., (RET)

CAPTAIN H. H. RAILEY, INF., RES., U.S.A.

Personal Representative

Hotel Biltmore
New York City
29 June 1930

Mr. George A. Lyon, Secretary
Harvard Travellers Club
10 Post Office Square
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Lyon:

Mr. James B. Pond, 25 West 43d Street,
New York City, is making all bookings for Admiral Byrd's
lectures during the coming fall and winter.

I am today referring your letter to him.

Sincerely yours,

H. H. Railey

July 1, 1930.

Harold J. Coolidge, Jr., Esq.,
Museum of Comparative Zoology,
Harvard College,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Coolidge:

I have this morning received a letter from Capt. Railly to the effect that all the bookings for Admiral Byrd are made by a Mr. Pond, New York City, and that he is turning over my letter to him.

Why don't you write to Capt. Railey at the Hotel Biltmore at once and see if you cannot help in this situation? I am afraid that if our request goes to Mr. Pond without any explanation that it may be lost in the shuffle and it would seem to me that we have a real claim upon Admiral Byrd through his association with Boston and your acquaintance with him. I also think that a word from you might be very helpful in getting favorable action and if we should get Admiral Byrd it would stir up a good deal of interest in the Club. Please let me know what you do.

Sincerely yours,

GALyon-KAC

George A. Lyon.

- Byrd
MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOOLOGY
AT HARVARD COLLEGE
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

July 2, 1930

File Adm. Parrells
Mr. George Armstrong Lyon
P. O. Box 2287
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lyon:

I have followed your suggestion and have written a note to Admiral Byrd. He is a busy man so it may be some days before I hear from him but will let you know the result of my efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Harold J. Corbridge

August 22nd,
1930.

Mr. Harold J. Coolidge, Jr.,
Museum of Comparative Zoology,
Harvard College,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Coolidge:

Your secretary forwarded to me copies of the letters from Mr. Pond in connection with Admiral Byrd and Mr. Smith in connection with Capt. Knight. It looks to me very much as if our chance to get Admiral Byrd had disappeared as, of course, we cannot pay anything like what they require. I know nothing about Capt. Knight's work except by hearsay and I am not sure from the letter whether he would expect to be paid but I presume so.

Although I know you are away I am writing this letter in order to get on record the possibilities for our meetings this winter as it is getting towards the time when something definite ought to be done. I went up to Pittsfield the other night and while there saw the African pictures of Dr. Arthur W. Elting, who is one of the foremost surgeons in Albany, and who has done a great deal of big game hunting although he has never been in Africa before. He has ten reels of 16 m.m. stuff and they are very interesting. As a matter of fact they seem to be about as good a group of African pictures as I have ever seen although there is too much of them. He talks pretty well too. I suggested to him that we might like to have him come to Boston some time but, of course, made it clear that this was merely a tentative invitation. What would you think of my following this up? He said that he could not come after the 1st of the year.

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Mr. Harold J. Coolidge, Jr. --2

Aug. 22, 1930.

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I enclose a clipping covering the climbing of one of the peaks in the Teton Range by some Boston men none of whom I have ever heard of before which offers another possibility. Will you please return it in due course.

Yours sincerely,

GAL-KAC

George A. Lyon.

Copy to: Dr. Richard P. Strong,
Department of Tropical Medicine,
Harvard University Medical School,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

JAMES B. POND
THE POND BUREAU
25 West 43rd Street

August 6th, 1930

Mr. Harold J. Coolidge, Jr.,
Museum of Comparative Zoology at
Harvard College,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Coolidge:

Do I infer from your letter of July 18th that you want Admiral Byrd merely as a guest at one of your meetings or do you wish to engage him as a lecturer? If you wish him merely as a guest, then this is something which he himself must accept after his tour is over.

If you wish to engage him for a lecture, then you are faced with a very serious problem that many other people in the Boston area want lectures and I don't know whether they should be taken care of first or not. Technically, you are outside of Boston but if I give you a date, that date might possibly better belong to some earlier applicant.

Let us, however, discuss the matter of date and fee, assuming that this is a professional proposition. The earliest last Tuesday in the season that I have available is March 24th. This is not a last Tuesday, it is a fourth Tuesday. This date I could definitely give you. The fee would be \$1500.00. I am charging you the minimum small town rate and am by no means charging you a Boston rate.

You had better write me a little further with regard to the exact conditions but if this is a professional matter, I have given you the earliest date which meets your conditions and I have given you the minimum fee.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) James B. Pond

Aug 20, 1910

ASQUAM LAKE, R.P.O.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Byrd

2. of our Pond's negotiation
is ridiculous.

What is the date
of our first club ~~and~~
meeting this fall? I

suggest my cousin

His Barton who invented

the Bathysphere that
went to 1400 feet under

water, for our first
meeting. If you would

Dear Mr. Byrd,

As you may gather
by letters forwarded to
you Admiral Byrd
has gotten himself tied
up with a lecture
bureau. We might have
him in the Spring when
his tour is over but

3. me the date I will
write him.

Washington Furlong
is a good lecturer &
should have fine pictures,
but I'm afraid he'll
want to be paid &
we do not have paid
lecturers unless we can
help it. I think Knight
is in the same boat.

4. I trust your wife is
much better by now &
am more sorry than I can
say that you had to
give up the Mackinac plans.

Wachburn is back
& which he failed to reach
the top of Fagerweather
he can give us a good
warning.

Sincerely

Harold J. Lockley.

August 22nd,
1930.

Mr. Harold J. Coolidge, Jr.,
Museum of Comparative Zoology,
Harvard College,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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Yours sincerely,

GAL-KAC

George A. Lyon.

Copy to: Dr. Richard P. Strong,
Department of Tropical Medicine,
Harvard University Medical School,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

April 12, 1933.

Harold J. Coolidge, Jr., Esq.,
Museum of Comparative Zoology,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Harold:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 30th, giving me the dope on Haven and that of April 5th enclosing the Byrd letter. I think we had better elect Admiral Byrd and make something of it at the annual meeting. I thought I might invite him to be present then. This would give us quite a night with Gray and Moore also.

Mr. Orendorff's mother has just died and I hesitate to bother him at this time. Therefore, I cannot very well have the check for Marcus made out as the checkbook is in Concord. Why don't you ask Mr. Marcus to send me a bill covering the amount involved stating that it is one-half of the price agreed up and that will delay the matter until it is easier to bother Mr. Orendorff.

It would seem desirable to me to provide for two vice-presidents as well as five councillors and then the question of who is to be which can be decided in due course. I have told Dr. Strong that I do not wish to be either president or vice-president of the Club and would welcome withdrawing from any official position entirely. Enclosed please find copy of the notes covering the last meeting of the Council, at which you were not able to be present unfortunately. I have made these notes of all meetings as well as Council meetings, but of course in a very informal way.

sincerely yours,

George A. Lyon, Secretary.

GAL-KAC

Speakers -
Those who don't
- Byrd

May 3, 1933.

Dr. Richard P. Strong
Harvard Medical School
Longwood Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Strong:

My operator tells me that Admiral Byrd has no telephone number in the book and that the Central Office has instructions not to give it to anyone. Therefore, I cannot talk with him on the telephone apparently. Will you please see what you can do on checking up on him for our May 23rd meeting and let me know?

Sorry to trouble you.

Sincerely yours,

GAL/G

Speakers

- Those who didn't speak
- Lindbergh

May 12, 1934

Mr. Harold J. Coolidge, Jr.
Museum of Comparative Zoology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Harold:

From the enclosed you will get a pretty good picture of what happened at the Annual Meeting.

Doctor Rice repeated most of the remarks he made at the previous meeting about Doctor Davis. (He didn't have a resolution ready in spite of my two telegrams). Without forewarning, he told of his attempts to get Lindbergh to address the Club, and, after working up great sympathy for Lindbergh for being unable to appear in public, asked for a motion to award him a medal without a visit. Your father very wisely moved that the matter be left in the hands of the President.

I am writing Rice, as per enclosed copy, in the hope that he will not do anything without consulting the Council.

Yours very sincerely,

TDC:MN
ENCS

June 22, 1935

Admiral Richard E. Byrd
Brimmer Street
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Admiral Byrd:

The Harvard Travelers Club would very much like to have you give them an informal talk at one of their meetings next winter. I think you know about the Harvard Travelers Club and its membership. We have a private room at the Harvard Club in Boston for our meetings.

We would be very much honored if you would speak at our first real meeting of next year which comes on November 26, 1935. There is one earlier meeting in October which is more a question of organization and where the speaker will merely be a curtain opener. For that meeting a great many of the members are still away.

I hope you will find it possible to join us for our informal dinner and meeting on November 26th.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary, Harvard Travelers Club

JKH:R

9 BRIMMER STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

July 1, 1935

Mr. J. K. Howard
Gaston, Snow, Saltonstall, Hunt, and Rice
Shawmut Bank Building
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Howard:

As Admiral Byrd is under strict doctors orders he has delegated me to answer his personal mail. I wish to thank you for your letter of June 22 inquiring as to the possibility of the Admiral being able to talk at the Harvard Travelers Club next winter.

I am forwarding your letter to his lecture manager, Mr. Leo McDonald, who will take the matter up with you in detail. I trust that you will be able to come to a mutual agreement with him.

Kindest regards,

Helen McKercher
Miss Helen McKercher,
Secretary to Rear Admiral Byrd

HMCK:LB

REAR ADMIRAL RICHARD E.
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July 3, 1935

Mr. J. K. Howard
c/o Gaston, Snow, Saltonstall, Hunt & Rice
Shawmut Bank Bldg.
Boston, Mass.

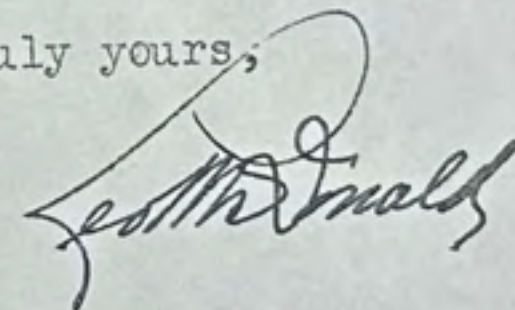
THE HARVARD TRAVELERS CLUB

Dear Mr. Howard:

Your letter of June 22 addressed to
Admiral Byrd has been forwarded to me to answer.

I am sorry, but the date you mention,
November 26, would be out of the question, as Admiral Byrd
has been engaged to appear in Lansing, Michigan on that date.
In fact, the only available dates at the moment for the
Admiral in the east are in the second week of December and in
late March, 1936. If either of these times would suit you we
might be able to get together. Naturally, with the deficit
that has to be paid on the recent Expedition, we are contract-
ing to fill as many dates as possible during the season 1935-36.

Very truly yours,



LMCD:r

, July 5, 1935.

Leo McDonald, Esq.,
General Electric Building,
570 Lexington Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Thanks for your letter of July 3, 1935.

We are, of course, disappointed that we will not be able to get Mr. Byrd to speak to us informally at the Harvard Travelers Club on November 26th. We are, however, very much pleased that the Admiral can speak to us later and will arrange our dates to suit him. Our regular meeting in December is on Tuesday, December 17th. I understand that the date that he will be able to give us is sometime during the week of December 8th to 14th inclusive. Would Tuesday the 10th be convenient? If not, let me know what other day in that week will, and I will make arrangements to change one of our meetings so as to have it then.

☐ Yours sincerely,

JKH:KD

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July 12, 1935

Mr. J. K. Howard
Gaston, Snow, Saltonstall, Hunt & Rice
Shawmut Bank Building
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Howard:

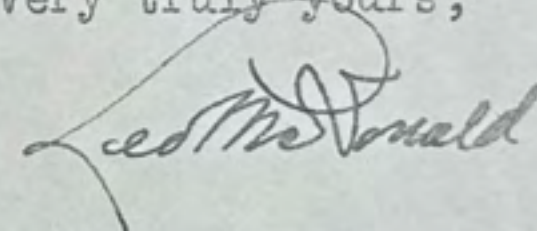
Your letter of July 5 received.

I expect to be in Boston sometime during the next two or three weeks and I will call on you personally re an engagement for Admiral Byrd for the Harvard Travelers Club. I will get in touch with you by telephone for an appointment.

Hoping this will be satisfactory, I

am

Very truly yours,



LMcD:r

REAR ADMIRAL RICHARD E.
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July 16, 1935

Mr. John K. Howard, Secretary
Harvard Travelers Club
Shawmut Bank Bldg.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Howard:

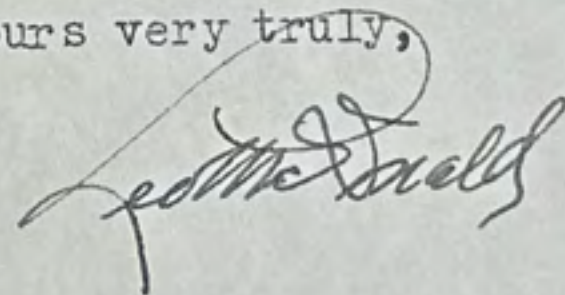
Your letter of July 15 received.

I will be looking forward to seeing
you in New York tomorrow, Wednesday. Am sorry that
I will be out of town Friday.

I will call you in Boston on
my arrival there within the next few weeks and will be
pleased to lunch with you unless other appointments
interfere.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours very truly,



July 22, 1935

Mr. Leo McDonald
Byrd Antarctic Expedition II
570 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I was sorry not to be able to get in to see you on Wednesday. Unfortunately, I was tied up all day.

I am looking forward, however, to seeing you when you are in Boston, and hope that you will find it possible to lunch with me.

Have you any more definite knowledge of when you will be here?

Sincerely yours,

Secretary, Harvard Travelers Club

JKH:R

July 15, 1935

Leo McDonald, Esq.
Byrd Antarctic Expedition II
General Electric Building
570 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Thanks for yours of July 12th.

I must be in New York for a director's meeting on Wednesday, and again for a director's meeting on Friday. If I can work it in I will call you up and come to see you. If I cannot work it in I am looking forward to seeing you here in Boston sometime soon. Won't you lunch with me when you are here?

☐ Sincerely yours,

John K. Howard, Secretary
Harvard Travelers Club

JKH:R

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July 27, 1935

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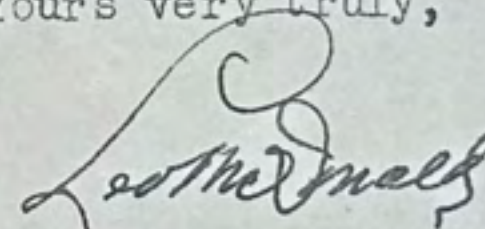
My dear Mr. Howard:

Your letter of July 22 received.

I have no definite knowledge at the moment as to when I will be in Boston but will telephone you when I arrive as I expect to spend a few days there.

Hoping to see you in person, I am,

Yours very truly,



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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

September 9, 1935

Leo MacDonald, Esq.
570 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York.

Will be in New York Wednesday morning and will
telephone you at nine o'clock. Want to see you
if possible.

John K. Howard

West Tremont, Maine
20 September 1935

Mr. John K. Howard
Shawmut Bank Building
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Howard:

I am sorry to say that I am not in very good physical shape and am not sure I will be able to continue with my lecture tour. The only reason I am starting is I have got to make up my expedition debt, and also to get together enough funds to publish the seven or eight books on our scientific results. Also, my book has to be published by the 25th of October so you see I am almost certain to need a rest from talking during the Christmas holidays. I am, therefore, sorry I cannot be with you and sincerely hope that you understand for it would be great to get together with you fellows at the Harvard Travellers Club. McDonald seemed to think that you were a bit hurt. I trust after reading this letter you will no longer feel so. I am sure you realize I would enjoy immensely being with you if I could.

Kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Ree Byrd

August 27, 1935.

Leo McDonald, Esquire,
Byrd Antarctic Expedition II,
570 Lexington Avenue,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I have been hoping, ever since hearing from you on July 16, that you would call me as at that time you said you would be in Boston in a few weeks. Unfortunately I am leaving for over a month in about three weeks. I have been holding up the schedule of the Harvard Travelers Club for next winter until we had the Admiral's speech arranged. I would, therefore, like to make these arrangements with you as soon as possible. How soon are you going to be in Boston?

Yours sincerely,

JKH:EE

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August 28, 1935

Mr. J. K. Howard
Gaston, Snow, Saltonstall, Hunt & Rice
Shawmut Bank Bldg.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Howard:

This will acknowledge receipt of your
letter of August 27.

Mr. McDonald is out of the city in the
mid-west at this writing and upon his return, early next
week, your letter will have his attention.

Hoping this delay will in no way incon-
venience you, I am

Very truly yours,

Grace Ross

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Plaza 3-3154
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September 12, 1935

Admiral Richard E. Byrd
Brimmer Street
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Admiral Byrd:

In June I wrote to you stating that the Harvard Travellers Club would very much like to give you a small informal dinner and have you talk to them at one of their meetings this winter. I received a letter shortly thereafter from your secretary, Miss McKercher, stating that the letter had been forwarded to Mr. Lee McDonald. Mr. McDonald wrote me about the first of July stating that you would be around here in the second week of December. I wrote back suggesting Tuesday, the 10th of December, and received an answer from Mr. McDonald saying he would be in Boston within a week or two and we could talk it over at that time. I was going to New York shortly thereafter and tried to see Mr. McDonald but he was out of town. Not hearing from him by the end of August I wrote and said that it would be necessary for me to know whether you could accept our invitation in order to make up my schedule for the Harvard Travellers Club. Yesterday I happened to be in New York and dropped in to see him. It appears that your secretary and he misunderstood the invitation. As you know, it is not a commercial matter and he told me that he could handle none of your dates except your regular lecture schedule. This, of course, ended our conference. He did say, however, that you would be in Boston between December 23d and 30th and might accept our invitation during that time, but that I would have to take it up with you personally.

We had planned to have our December meeting on December 17th, but if you will accept our invitation we will either change

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the date of our regular meeting or have a special dinner for you on the date which is convenient for you. I, of course, appreciate that you will be very busy with your regular lecture tour, but hope that you will be able to find time to dine with your friends here in Boston.

Sincerely yours,

John K. Howard

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September 12, 1935

Norman D. Vaughn, Esq.
125 Charles Street
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Norman:

I am enclosing copy of a letter just sent to Admiral Byrd. I am quite angry with Leo McDonald. He has kept me waiting since June only to tell me that it is the kind of matter that he cannot handle. He should have known this to start with.

Sincerely yours,

John K. Howard

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REAR ADMIRAL RICHARD E.
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General Electric Building
570 Lexington Ave.
New York City

June 29, 1936.

Mr. John K. Howard, Secretary
Harvard Travelers Club,
Shawmut Bank Bldg.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Howard:

Some months ago you inquired as to the availability of Admiral Byrd for an appearance in your city. For various reasons, we were unable to get together at that time.

Admiral Byrd is again available for the season 1936-37 under reduced terms and easier working conditions. He will again be the outstanding single attraction for the coming season, as no one has appeared who can even challenge his position.

I am sending you, under separate cover, newspaper clippings from many of the cities in which Admiral Byrd appeared during the past year, which demonstrate his tremendous drawing power.

If your organization would be interested in presenting the Admiral, write immediately for available dates and terms as he will be able to accept only a limited number of engagements.

Hoping to hear favorably from you, I am

Very truly yours,

Leo McDonald

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Leo McDonald

82 Devonshire Street
Boston, Massachusetts.
July 24, 1936

Mr. Leo McDonald
General Electric Building
570 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 29th relative to Admiral Byrd's availability for paid lectures.

My correspondence and conference with you of last fall was not relative to the availability of Admiral Byrd for an appearance in this city. I had extended a personal invitation to Admiral Byrd to attend a dinner of the Harvard Travellers Club. I thought that I had made your error clear to you at our conference, but evidently did not.

Very truly yours,

John K. Howard, Secretary

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ROBERT B. STEPHENSON
P. O. Box 413, Astor Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02123

Secretary-Treasurer



26 February 1987

Mr Brian Shuel
13 Woodberry Crescent
London N10 1PJ
England

Dear Brian,

It's been a long time since I was in London and we had our telephone conversations about the possibility of your speaking in Boston. I haven't forgotten about it but I also haven't an awful lot to report.

I circulated your book and slides to members of the Club Council and all agreed that the subject matter would make a good talk and that we should do what we can to have you here. The proviso was that as we don't have the resources ourselves to make that possible, we will see what other groups might be willing to share in the expense. You may recall we touched on that during our conversations.

I talked with people at the Boston Athenæum thinking that such a talk would suit their clientele very nicely. They were, however, not very receptive. I next talked with Ms Jennifer Riseborough, the director of the Boston chapter of the English Speaking Union. She was interested but said that they only pay about \$100 for a talk and didn't have the resources to go much higher. She thought, however, that the national headquarters might be a more likely possibility. Apparently they have a list of speakers and do or might arrange tours to various chapters (there are chapters in Providence, Newport and somewhere in Connecticut, and I'm sure others throughout the country). She suggested that you contact them in New York: Ms Alice Boyne, ESU, 16 East 69th Street, New York, NY 10021. She also suggested that you might contact the ESU in London (on Charles St near Berkeley Sq, I believe): she thought they might have a speakers program, domestic and/or international.

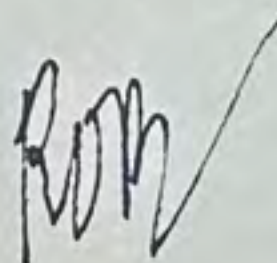
I also talked with the Harvard Club and with your friend, Mark Zivan, about the Harvard Club's travelogue series. (The Harvard Travellers Club meets generally at the Harvard Club but there is no other connection; the Harvard Club has its own travel series.) What I learned--and you probably already know this from Mark--was that the series is arranged by a management company and apparently they won't consider any presentation that doesn't involve film. So that possibility appears to be out.

I think, for the moment at least, the best thing to do is for you to think about this for a bit and perhaps contact the ESU--maybe the British Tourist Authority as well--and see what possibilities exist. If you were to come to give us a talk, it would probably have to be during the 1988-89 season or after. Our schedule is pretty much in place for next year, although changes happen and can be made. (Our meetings are monthly from October through May.)

If there were another reason for you to be in the US and we were to set a date for a talk, I would strive to line up 2 or 3 talks in the Boston area, either other organizations or institutions that might yield enough to cover costs. The Council didn't specifically discuss expenses or an honorarium but my guess would be that we could come up with perhaps \$300 to \$500.

In any event, that seems to be where it stands at the moment. I'm sorry I don't have more to report but I hope, in the end, some way presents itself to have you at one of our meetings. If I could keep your slides for awhile longer as some other ideas might come to mind. And please let me know if you have any other ideas from your side.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'RBS' with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Robert B. Stephenson