

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

TO: General Council

FROM: Larry Watkins, Acting Secretary — Special Projects Committee

DATE: August 7, 1992

SUBJECT: Committee Meeting on 6/7/92

The Special Projects Committee met in Lake Forest on Sunday, June 7, 1992, at 7:30 PM. In attendance were Lee Smith, Bob Bruyn, Barbara Kulieke, Cece Forester, and Larry Watkins. Observing were Stewart Kerr, Tim Young, and George Sammis.

HISTORY PROJECT:

- This project was established in 1988. There are 33 one-time forum members presently identified.
- We view this project as the top priority for our committee and are looking for volunteers to assist in completing these interviews as soon as is feasible. Any assistance that can be provided by General Council members will gladly be accepted.
- As of this time Barbara Kulieke has supervised one interview and has agreed to do another this summer. A person has been identified in Phoenix who does interviews who has agreed to supervise a Phoenix area interview. Marilyn Kulieke has also agreed to supervise an interview this summer.

RESOURCE GUIDE OF SECONDARY WORKS:

- This is the second oldest project held by our committee, received at the Snowmass Conference in 1990.
- The intent in producing the Guide will be to provide an easily updated, inexpensive document that can be handed out annually.
- A notice is to be sent to all readers letting them know that the Resource Guide is being updated and asking for submissions of any new materials to be listed.
 - A copy of the proposed notice is attached. It has not been approved or sent out yet.
- The Brotherhood of Man library has a complete listing of all publications. Tim Young indicated that most of the organizations working with the BOM produce tabloid style listings of their resources.

- At the spring meeting this year we decided to ask each person listed in the Resource Guide of Secondary Works to donate a copy of their work to the Resource Library.
 - Tony Finstad has sent a cover letter to each person in the old Resource Guide asking for copies if none have been previously provided.
- At the spring meeting this year we decided to ask each person producing an established newsletter to provide copies of all available issues for the Resource Library.
 - Lee Smith has sent a cover letter to each person responsible for an established newsletter asking for copies.
- The standards for submissions to the Guide are found in the Procedures and Guidelines for Secondary Works of *The Urantia Book*.

RESOURCE LIBRARY:

- This will apparently be a long-term, permanent project of this committee.
- An archives library is also to be considered for 529.
- Larry Bowman agreed to send a copy of the Dewey Decimal cataloging procedure to Bob Bruyn.
- Larry Watkins will keep a running list of items wanted and items received for the library. He will also send out the list of books of interest for all area coordinators to distribute to readers asking for book donations for the library.
- Larry Watkins will write to Berkeley Elliot regarding the resource library and the personal library she owns.
 - Copy of letter sent to Berkeley is attached.
- A book buyer in Sacramento was given the initial list of 60 books to be purchased and by the first of June had uncovered only half a dozen, some of which were not in acceptable condition.
- A working meeting at the 529 office will be called once there are materials to be cataloged.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- The Pronunciation and Primary Textual Usage Reference produced by David Elders has been published. Thanks go to David Elders for this work.

The Special Projects Committee meeting concluded at about 10:15 PM.

Larry Watkins
Acting Secretary

August 10, 1992

Dear Reader,

The Fellowship will be producing a new pamphlet, the Resource Guide of Secondary Works for *The Urantia Book*, shortly. The purpose of this Guide is to list all available works associated with *The Urantia Book*. It will include listings of periodic publications, newsletters, journals, books, pamphlets, and any other published materials based on *The Urantia Book*.

If you are responsible for any such work please fill in the following form and return it to our office. Only those works for which we receive this form will be included in the new Guide.

Resource Guide of Secondary Works

Please list the following in the new Resource Guide:

Title: _____

Author: _____

Type of publication: _____

Date published or frequency: _____

Description: _____

Obtain from: _____

Price: _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

FIFTH EPOCHAL FELLOWSHIP

Dedicated to the study and dissemination of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*

August 20, 1992

Dear Berkeley,

I am writing to you as a member of the Special Projects Committee of the Fellowship. As you may be aware, we are in the process of establishing both a Resource Library and an Archives Library at the 529 Wrightwood office.

We are told that much of the material in *The Urantia Book* was derived from human sources whenever they expressed concepts adequately. One purpose for the Resource Library is to become a repository for this source material as it is identified.

Currently we are working with a list of about 60 books that have been found to contain some basis for some Urantia Book concepts. A copy of the identified books is included here on the back.

The Resource Library will house those representative materials available at the time of the reception of the Urantia Papers — works in science, religion, and philosophy published prior to 1934 found to be referenced in *The Urantia Book*.

I am contacting you regarding books you may have in your personal library which could fit with the intent of this centralized research library. Would you give consideration to the possibility of donating some portion of your personal library to such a library at some future date?

Another aspect of the library will be to serve as an archive for organizational related materials. Would you also consider donating organizational records for such an Archives Library?

I am interested in your thoughts regarding this project and wish to hear from you.

God be with you —

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<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
	<i>Aesop's Fables</i>
	<i>Atharva Veda</i>
	<i>Bardo Thodol - The Tibetan Book of the Dead</i>
	<i>Bhagavad Gita</i>
	<i>Bhagarata Purana</i>
	<i>Book of Common Prayer - Episcopal Church</i>
	<i>Book of Mormon</i>
	<i>Brihad-Aranyaka Upanishad</i>
	<i>Eerdman's Handbook of the World's Religions</i>
	<i>Gauri and Sorath</i>
	<i>Hymns of Guru Nanak</i>
	<i>I Ching</i>
	<i>Jopji</i>
	<i>Kabir's Hymns</i>
	<i>Shi King</i>
	<i>Sloks of Shaikh Farid</i>
	<i>The Apocrypha</i>
	<i>The Bible - King James Version</i>
	<i>The Encyclopedia Britannica</i>
	<i>The Talmud</i>
	<i>The Dead Sea Scrolls</i>
	<i>The Koran</i>
	<i>Vishnu Purana</i>
	<i>Yasna</i>
Aratus	<i>Phaenomena</i>
Francis Bacon	<i>The Works of Francis Bacon, Vol. XIV</i>
	<i>Summery</i>
Walter E. Bundy	<i>The Religion of Jesus</i>
Samuel Butler	<i>Samuel Butler's Notebooks</i>
Baron George Gordon Byron	<i>Letter to Prothero</i>
	<i>Sardanadalus</i>
Samuel Clemens	<i>Mark Twain's Notebook</i>
William Cowper	<i>The Task</i>
	<i>Conversation</i>
	<i>An Epistle to an Afflicted Protestant Lady in France</i>
	<i>Truth</i>
Mary Baker Clover Eddy	<i>Science and Health</i>
Ralph Waldo Emerson	<i>Society and Solitude</i>
Thomas Hobbes	<i>Leviathan</i>
Robert Green Ingersol	<i>The Gods, and Other Lectures</i>
Alanus de Insulis	<i>Minor Anglo-Latin Satirists</i>
William James	<i>The Varieties of Religious Experience</i>
C.G. Jung	<i>Psychology and Religion</i>
John Keats	<i>The Letters of John Keats</i>
Diogenes Laertius	<i>Heraclitus</i>
Abraham Lincoln	<i>The Gettysburg Address</i>
Lao-Tse	<i>Tao-Teh-King</i>
Lowell	<i>Democracy and Addresses</i>
Horace Mann	<i>Lectures in Education</i>
Karl Marx	<i>Towards a Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right</i>
James Montgomery	<i>The Issues of Life and Death</i>
Titus Maccius Plautus	<i>Trinummus</i>
	<i>A Three Dollar Day</i>
Alexander Pope	<i>Essay on Criticism</i>
	<i>Essay on Man</i>
Bertrand Russell	<i>Mysticism and Logic and Other Essays</i>
Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra	<i>Don Quixote</i>
Hermann Sudermann	<i>The Joy of Living</i>
Publilius Syrus	<i>Sentences of Publilius Syrus</i>

August 10, 1992

Dear Bob,

Enclosed are the minutes for our Committee meeting at Lake Forest. I'm a bit slow—we tacked 3 weeks of vacation on behind the trip to Chicago and I'm still getting back in gear—at a leisurely pace too.

What should I do regarding the books for the Resource Library? So far I've sent out the list of books to the 80 people on our AC mailing list and I'm working on getting the letter out to the other ACs so that they can also distribute the list. There are several books that the local book buyer rounded up here that are acceptable. There are several large book stores in Berkeley that specialize in old books; Claudia and I plan to hop on down there to do some browsing before summer ends. But even at that I doubt that we'll find more than 25% of the 60 books currently on the list. Should I just go ahead and get those books now that I can get my hands and ship them off to 529 or hold them here? None that I've seen so far are expensive, but shall I send the sales slips to you for reimbursement? You can give me a call to let me know how you'd like to proceed. My number is (916) 486-8021 or 482-2082.

I mentioned to you an oral history book of gold rush days interviews I had seen at the university library and that I would do some checking to see what instructions I could find on interviewing techniques for oral histories; however your letter came before I got around to doing it. In reading through the material you sent I felt there was nothing I could add by going back to the library. To answer your questions, I think the materials you sent are sufficiently instructive, fine, and understandable to any volunteers. I don't think the questions should be made more focused—they all are pertinent and hit on a wide variety of topics and I think this is what we need. So I like what I see even if it may not conform to text book techniques for interviewing but it surely appears to cover everything we're interested in in a way that should make it easy for both the interviewer and the interviewee. I'd suggest that we get on with this task just as quickly as possible with this material since this is not a project that improves with age. Wouldn't it be great to have all the people on the list interviewed before the next GC meeting? I would like to be able to help with this but there aren't a whole lot of people to be interviewed this side of the Chicago River.

Attached are the Special Projects minutes and the various forms and letters I was responsible for, none of which have been sent other than to you. I didn't find an old form for the submission of works for the Resource Guide so made one up—check it over to see if it's what we want. And I'm not sure if I've captured the right tone in the letter to Berkeley—check it too. Let me know how you'd like me to handle these and if you have any suggested changes to any of them.

Best wishes—