

POLYNESIAN VOYAGING SOCIETY

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October 15, 1985

Richard C. Murphy, PH.D.
Director of Science and Education
The Cousteau Society
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Aloha Dr. Murphy:


Thank you for your letter and your interest in Hawaii's
double-hulled voyaging canoe, Hokule'a.

I agree that it would be a good idea for our two vessels
to meet. In fact, we at the Polynesian Voyaging Society
would like to extend an invitation to Dr. Jacques Cousteau
to participate in one of the legs of the upcoming voyage.
It would be a great honor for Hokule'a, the people of Hawaii,
and particularly since Hokule'a's non-instrument navigator,
Nainoa Thompson has always idolized Dr. Cousteau and is
deeply interested in his work.

The next leg of our voyage will be leaving New Zealand the
first of May 1986.

Please keep in touch and I hope we can work something out.

Me ke aloha pumehana,


Marlene Among
Assistant to the President
Myron B. Thompson

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VOYAGE OF REDISCOVERY



The Cousteau Society

28 June 1985

Ms. Marlene Among
Polynesian Voyaging Society
Box 19000-A
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

Dear Ms. Among:

Captain Cousteau has asked me to respond to your letter on his behalf. Congratulations on your upcoming expedition! We were pleased to see your projected itinerary because we may cross paths as Calypso explores the South Pacific. We do not yet have exact dates and locations, but I propose we keep in touch and consider the possibility of a meeting of our two vessels.

I am enclosing some material on The Cousteau Society and our future projects for your information. Good luck, and I hope we can eventually get together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "RC Murphy".

Richard C. Murphy, Ph.D.
Director of Science and Education

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April 28, 1985

Jacque Cousteau
THE COUSTEAU SOCIETY
777 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Cousteau:

The canoe and its importance to Polynesia emphasize ecological awareness and while considered "primitive" represented a high degree of sophistication and skill.

The VOYAGE OF REDISCOVERY being planned by the Polynesian Voyaging Society will trace most of the major Pacific migration routes using a performance accurate replica of an ancient craft, HOKULE'A, and by using the traditional methods of navigation, navigating without instruments as modern man knows them. The voyage, lasting 22 months will cover approximately 16,000 miles.

The goals of the voyage are threefold:

- *Cultural To awaken the people of the Pacific to a common heritage in voyaging, strengthening the bonds of pride and accomplishment among the Polynesian people and all who love the sea.
- *Scientific To retrace the ancient Polynesian migration routes from the Pacific Southwest to Central Pacific areas validating ancient Polynesian navigational skills and the seaworthiness of their craft.
- *Educational To involve the people of Hawaii, and the international community in the important and highly significant work of the Polynesian Voyaging Society.



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*Educational

To document the project on videotape with
Hawaii Public Television.

Documentation will capture archival material, such as oral history with master canoe builders, navigators, and others who continue the expression of traditional skills. Broadcast documentaries are also envisioned that reach both adult and children's audiences, and show both traditional and modern conditions.

The Polynesian Voyaging Society and these plans have attracted positive support both at home and throughout Polynesia. Our budget for both the voyage and documentation is in excess of \$1,000,000.00. Local support in the amount of \$620,000 has been pledged.

The Polynesian Voyaging Society would like the opportunity to present specific proposals to The Cousteau Society for both funding assistance and mutual support.

We look forward to your response.

Me ke aloha pumehana,


Mariene Among
Coordinator

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The Cousteau Society

17 June 1985

Ms. Marlene Among
Polynesian Voyaging Society
Box 19000-A
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

Dear Ms. Among:

The information you forwarded was received in our Los Angeles office and is being held for review by our Science and Education Director, Dr. Richard C. Murphy. Dr. Murphy has been aboard our experimental windship Alcyone, and will be returning to Los Angeles at the end of June. At that time, he will review the material and formulate a response to your interesting proposal.

Our apologies for the delay in responding to your letter; Dr. Murphy will be in touch as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Leslie Conrad
Asst. to Dr. Richard C. Murphy,
Director of Science and Education

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The Cousteau Society

5 March 1986

Ms. Marlene Among
Assistant to the President
Polynesian Voyaging Society
Box 19000-A
Honolulu, HI 96819

Dear Ms. Among,

Thank you for the materials on the voyage of the Hokule'a; it sounds as if her journey has been quite successful thus far.

I will be happy to present your suggestion for a meeting of our respective expeditions to the Cousteaus at our upcoming staff meeting. When it has been determined whether there is an interest in further pursuing this project, I will contact you.

In the meantime, we certainly wish fair winds to the Hokule'a.

Sincerely yours,

Richard C. Murphy, Ph.D.
Vice President
Science and Education

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