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- 5. In the case of my own organisation, the Reserve Bank of Australia, formerly Commonwealth Bank of Australia, whose archives comprise the records of a score of decentralised filing sections (our "groups") serving autonomous, administrative departments with histories of up to 55 years, the image we now have of the past structure of the Bank would become very blurred indeed if we abandoned the group basis of arrangement and allowed the very large number of series to become intermingled. We think of the past in terms of the departmental structure and, consequently, arrangement along these lines is the natural course to take.
- 6. In the Reserve Bank we are adopting a concept of "century blocks" of archives, so permitting a grand "cut-off", with necessary tolerances, at the year 2000 to permit the succeeding archivist at that time to make whatever administrative modifications seem to him most suitable for applying to the 21st century block.
- 7. Excepting particular series of records which have, as series, been accepted as having permanent value (e.g. board meeting records), Reserve Bank records are not accessioned to the permanent archives until 40 years old. By then, almost all material of temporary usefulness has been destroyed and the remainder is of no further interest to creating departments in their daily administration. The timing also approximates the period for which access to archives is closed to outside researchers.

ADDITIONAL MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, LONDON

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During a recent visit to England, I was able, with the co-operation of the staff of the Royal Geographical Society, to sort through a vast quantity of manuscript material in their basement. The manuscripts were in no apparent order, alphabetically, chronologically, or geographically, and it seems likely that they have not been seen since 1940 at least. The Society's Archivist, Mrs M. Hughes, and I spent four days extracting the manuscripts relating to Australia, and the following list compiled by Mrs Hughes gives the names of the authors, and the approximate dates of the manuscripts. Most of the manuscripts are the originals of articles which have been published in either the *Proceedings* or the *Journal* of the Society. Unfortunately no time was available to prepare a detailed list of these documents, however the following situations were found to exist in relation to those documents relevant to my own research.

- 1. One manuscript had been rejected for publication but had not been returned to the author.
- 2. Of one ten page manuscript less than two pages had been published. In addition, significant editorial alterations had been occasionally made to the text.

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- 3. Most manuscripts contained a referee's report as to the suitability of the article for publication. These reports sometimes contained critical comments.
- 4. Occasionally the manuscripts were accompanied by letters.

Ideally each manuscript should be compared with its published version, if one exists, so that all the unpublished material can be isolated and catalogued. It is understood that Miss Phyllis Mander-Jones of the Australian National University and the National Library of Australia, at present in London preparing a guide to manuscripts relating to Australia and the south-west Pacific, is going to combine with the Royal Geographical Society on this task. The job is, however, both long and tedious, and enquiries in the first instance might best be made of Mrs Hughes, Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore, London SW7.

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