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Re: United Nations General Assembly Circular
A/AC.118/L.5 of 19th March 1964 concerning
the sponsorship of international symbols.

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Dear Mr. Daniell,

This is to thank you for allowing me to submit respectfully to you and all members of the Australian Committee for the United Nations International Co-operation Year (ICY) 10 folders containing sets of documents in conjunction with the U.N. Circular mentioned above, which forms the first document. I received it through a friend of mine who is a personal friend of Mr. J.F. Engers, the U.N. Secretary for ICY. This circular closes with the following words:

"It would be for the specialised agencies. Member Governments, and voluntary organisations, both international and national, to consider whether possibilities existed in their own fields of co-operation for expanding the use of these useful symbols."

This circular was featured ten days later (29th March) in an article of the New York Times, which also reported that it was the Canadian delegation which "sponsored it in the 12 Nation Committee planning the 1965 observance which coincides with the 20th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations." None of these people knew of my work, the solution of the problem. My friend mentioned above got in touch with the chairman of the Canadian international women's liaison committee for ICY, but the correspondence got nowhere because the chairman is always on travel. The last letter I received 3 months ago refers to the New York Times article.

But from the first moment the idea got hold of me that my work should be brought to the knowledge of the world as an "Australian invention" (as the Boston Christian Science Monitor termed it in a leader page article "Bliss and Semantography" as long ago as 1952, May 17). And the only authority to do so is the United Nations Association of Australia. Hence my approach to you.

I submit to you a first draft made hastily by my printer for the title cover of the proposed book which I shall print in English, French and Spanish, entirely at my own cost, for distribution to 5000 newspapers and journals all over the world. All of them will be ready to inaugurate International Co-operation Year with a review and an article on this fascinating idea. All these articles will enhance the name of Australia and the United Nations Association of Australia.

I am now 67 years of age. For 22 years, my good wife, who died 3 years ago, and I, have laboured and slaved for this new idea. The biologists have an explanation in their mutation theory according to which a new idea for survival occurs first in one creature. The psychologists call it "intuition", and the religious men see it as the creative power of the universe which manifests itself first in one creature, to be taken up then by other creatures. For 22 years my good wife and I have suffered all the labour and birthpangs for this idea. We printed with our own hands and our own earnings the books which prove that I have solved the problem for all fields of human endeavour by using only 100 symbol elements (of which 25 are already internationally used, namely 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 + - x : = etc.) My three volumes are now in university libraries of all 5 continents.

Now the highest organisation of all humanity, the United Nations Organisation has taken up the promotion of international symbols without knowing that I have solved the problem already. In 1951 I tried to interest publishers with the attached three colour leaflet showing the very idea of the United Nations, the children of all countries and races holding up their national flags and corresponding in my international symbols. Now I approach you.

I sincerely hope that you will agree to the 2 words in the proposed cover saying that you "favour and sponsor" my work. If these words are too obliging, you may

may say that you "submit it for study". Furthermore you may have inside the title cover the usual disclaimer saying that "the views of the author are not necessarily the views of the Association."

I did not dare to indicate in the proposed cover draft, that you, or the president should write a Preface in the name of the Australian Association. But you may, once I have submitted to you the full text for the printer. Who knows, even the Prime Minister of Australia may be ready to say a few words to enhance the name of Australia, the New America, the Country of Pioneers.

I do not want to think that you may refuse a token support. In this case, I would write and publish the book nevertheless, but with the bitterness common to all pioneers of new ideas, a bitterness which the Romans 2000 years ago formulated in the words: Nemo propheta in sua patria honorem habet. I don't want to think that this will happen. I am an old man about to go to my grave. I do not come to you as a petitioner, but as an Australian whose work opens up an entirely new way of International Co-operation and Understanding.

In my lectures to audiences at both Sydney universities and elsewhere I closed with the following words which I want to repeat here.

"The philosophers of old used to say "Ex Oriente Lux" - From the East comes the Light. But the lights have gone out in the East. The West has become the land of the setting sun in more than one sense. Why should not people begin to say: "Ex Australis Lux!" - From the South comes the Light - from Australia?"

May God give you all the intuition and the impetus I hope and pray for. I can say no more.

Yours sincerely

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Attached to this letter are:

United Nations General Assembly Circular "Facilitating Communication"

Draft of the proposed Book Cover for ICY

The following issues of the Semantography Series:

- No. 1 Title page of the 3 volumes 100 SYMBOL ELEMENTS
- No. 16 Semantography for the Children of the World in 3 colours
- No. 52 Prof. Reiser's Lecture before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, where this pamphlet was distributed.
- No. 43 Pamphlet for the Sydney University Lecture to the Geological Society
- No. 62 One Writing for One World, article for New England University College Armidale
- No. 188 India and Semantography article in the Indian journal Darshana
- No. 198 Sun Herald articles on "The Writing of Tomorrow" which appeared recently.