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Dear Colleague:

Attached hereto, at what the King of Siam - as represented by Yule Brunner -referred to as " enormous expense" to the Society, is the first revision of the "History" I was commissioned to write. I do not anticipate that any substantial changes will be necessary though I shall make them if any turn out to be necessary. Chiefly the remaining task is that of discovering or verifying a few names and dates. These are troublesome because an important section of the Society's records are unavailable and probably lost, and because the recollections of persons involved in various Society events sometimes conflict or are inconsistent with available documents on related matters.

It would be helpful to me if you would read the manuscript and give me the benefit of any corrections, amendments, supplements, or comments you think I should have. More specifically, as part of your commentary, there are particular items or questions on which I need information. As I list these I shall (to avoid writing a series of different personal letters to individuals) refer by name to those who are, in my judgment, most likely to have the information needed; but I hope anyone who has any answers to the questions will send them along too. My telephone number as well as my address are given above. You may assume that I have already asked each question of a number of people already.

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Wiltberger, Schmidt, Leonard, Dienststein et al

Is my account of developments BEFORE Dec. 1941 correct or substantially correct? Any changes necessary?

At the meeting of Dec. 1941 it was voted to hold the second "Annual " Conference at Pullman, Washington? Was it held there? I find no record of any second conference. The holding of a third "Annual" Conference in 1946 implies there must have been a second? When? Where? Why " Annual"?

Willard Schmidt may have taken a photo of those present

at the Dec. 1941 meeting? I would like a copy together with one of the photographer. Do others have any relevant pictures? I would like copies or would have copies made here if you prefer and return the originals.

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Hartung, MacNamara, Newman, Kenney, Dienststein, Geis

It is recorded that the Vollmer Award was established at Tucson, Feb. 1959 to recognize outstanding reports of criminological research and the first awards were given to Bohannon, Wolfgang, the Gluecks. Thereafter they were given to Milton Rector, Preston Sharpe, Senator Tydings et al. Was the purpose of this award formally and officially changed or was its original purpose forgotten? Was it superceded by the Sutherland Award which had a similar, or at least, overlapping objective?

When was the Sutherland established? Geis seems to think in 1952 which would be two years after Sutherland's death but also, apparently, eight years before any award in that name was made. Is this likely? See Mss Pps. 28-30

Leonard, MacNamara, Mueller  
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With reference to specific awards the report sent to the Jour. of Crim. Law, Crim. and P.Sc. says Wilson received "The Society's Award but does not specify which but farther along it mentions the Gluecks and Wilson as recipients of the Vollmer Award. Did Wilson receive the Vollmer Award in 1961 at Denver?

Reckless, Newman, Sellin

The 1965 meeting was held at the Univ. of California at Berkeley. I find no records of any awards being given there and do not remember any. ( I was there.) Were there none that year?

MacNamara, Kenney  
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Bishop Shiel apparently received an award. If so, what was it? Where given? When? ( Chicago 1959 ???)

I have been told that Marcel Frym received the Bloch Award. Did he? When? it must have been after 1967? When did he die?

Note: the Gault award was apparently a special award in celebration of 50 years of editorship. See evidence in Mss. Pps. 16, 16A

MacNamara, Mueller, Newman Sylvester, Sagarin

From time to time special awards known as President's Citations (?) have been given: in 1971 at San Juan to Helen Silver, Santos Amadeo, and Pedro Velez. I understand several were given at Caracas. Newman, Mueller, Dinitz, Sylvester do not recall their names. Can anyone find out or tell me where to find out in the absence of written records? If those cited at San Juan are to be referred to by name in the text it will be necessary to do the same for those at the 1972 meeting. Lacking that the reference will have to be simply that we do make special awards occasionally or even omit reference to them except in a situation such as Gault's.

Leonard, Dienststein, Kenney, Boolsen, MacNamara

The name, Society for the Advancement of Criminology and the constitution for it were adopted at a meeting at the Durant Hotel in Berkely in 1946 and this meeting is recorded as the Third Annual Conference. I find no record of any meetings in 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 which was during war time. Nor do I find any record of Annual Meetings in 1947, 1949, 1951, and 1952. Can you provide any information about meetings on these dates?

There seems to have been no meeting in 1957, possibly because of the impending changeover to incorporation as the American Society of Criminology. The 1956 meeting was held in December at Fresno and the next meeting 13 months later in Jan-Feb. 1958 at Los Angeles. Another meeting was held a year later in 1959 at Tucson, in Jan-Feb. and then that same year, 1959, there was an Annual Meeting in December in Chicago.

The Anonymous

If various people to whom I have written and talked with by telephone during the past two months, who have material I need, and have promised to send it to me by mail or by telephone, would now do so promptly it would be of great help to me and I would appreciate that help. I shall only have minimal time to devote to this project from now on.

My kind regards to all of you. I am grateful for your valued and essential assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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