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NOTE TO; Mr. G. D. Meid

COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
INTERNATIONAL INDIAN OCEAN EXPEDITION

The following is from the minutes of the April 16-18 meeting of the SCOR Executive Committee:

The question of transfer of coordination responsibility to IOC was then discussed and it was decided that SCOR should now transfer to IOC the formal responsibility and authority for coordinating the Indian Ocean work. All formal contact with governments will be made through the Office of Oceanography of UNESCO. The first evidence of the transfer will be the appearance of the IOC Secretariat in their new role at the meetings for the Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal and East Indian Ocean.

The present Coordinator will continue to assist, under the guidance of the IOC Secretariat, until December 31, 1962. Any visits made by the Coordinator will be with the authority of, with briefing from, and with a report to, the Office of Oceanography. Until December 31, the Coordinator will retain his present duties in connection with Special Fund, Zanzibar and specialized air transportation problems. In addition the Coordinator will assist in other aspects as requested by the Office of Oceanography.

At the Committee on Oceanography meeting of 11-13 May, the Committee concluded that the Academy sponsored office of the Coordinator for the Indian Ocean Expedition could be terminated by 1 April, 1963. Without going into further detail it seems that the exact date of termination of this office under NAS sponsorship would be a matter for negotiation between Mr. Snider, the NAS Business Office, and the National Science Foundation.

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