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LETTER FROM ALASKA

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*In 1956-57 I was a student at UP, and I studied Folklore with Professor Arsenio Manuel, a most kind, supportive scholar. Although I was a music student when I came, I left inspired to study anthropology – which I did at the University of Chicago, as Prof. Manuel recommended. Fred Eggan was not there the first year, 1957-58, but I did meet him the next year, and many years later in Santa Fe, New Mexico, we discussed my theory called The Zuni Enigma (published in 2000, W. W. Norton & Co.).*

*Although I did not end up in Southeast Asian studies, I have remembered that year most warmly and will be forever grateful for the intellectual rigor and challenges of that treasured year in the Philippines. I trust my original notes and paper on research in Abra are still available in the Anthropology Department or in the UP library. If not, please let me know and I will make a copy from my carbon copy. I was 19 at the time.*

*Have a grand time at your conference. Special honors to Professor Manuel, and his family who made me feel so welcomed in the Philippines – and inspired me to become an Anthropologist.*

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