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NAME: ODDON, Miss Yvonne

(Diploma, Paris Library School, 1925)

Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Bibliothécaires

Librarian of the Musée d'Ethnographie du

PRESENT POSITION: Trocadero, Paris. Also in private library

of Mr. David-Weill, President of Conseil
des Musées Nationaux

PROSPECTIVE "

Librarian of Musée d'Ethnographie du Troca-
dero, Paris

LIBRARY ADMIN. with spec. attention to methods of

STUDIES: classifying anthropological & ethnological materials
in U.S.

BORN IN: Gap (Hautes-Alpes)

AGE: 32 (B 6/18/02)

MARITAL STATUS: single

NO. OF CHILDREN:

DATE APPROVED: 10/11/34

DURATION: 9 mos. 11/1/34

RENEWED:

DATE OF ARRIVAL: 11/10/34

FIRST STIPEND: 11/10/34

AMOUNT: \$120 a mo.

TUITION: yes TRAVEL: yes & other
expenses

TERMINATION: 8/2/35

MEETING: 11/16/34

It is proposed that fship be spent at various institutions in U.S. Miss O. has a thorough understanding of ordinary library techniques. Upon arrival in N.Y. she will start work at American Museum of Natural History, Columbia Univ. or the Heye Foundation.

11/10/34 Arrived N.Y. on s/s PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

11/13/34-12/22/34 N.Y. - Museum of Natural History - also Libraries in N.Y., contacts at Columbia, etc.

12/17/34 JM Interviews: Intends to go at her own expense to Ann Arbor for Xmas. Has recently learned that Miss Mann of Library School there will be going from Ann Arbor to

Washington immediately after Xmas and inquired if she might not plan her visit in Washington to begin at that time in order to have Miss Mann's assistance in estab. contacts.

(approved)

1/15/35 JM-O: JM suggests that while Miss O is in Washington, that she establish relations with the American Council of Learned Societies.

Places and institutions visited (4/19/35-0 to JM):

11/12/34-12/22/34 - N.Y.C. - N.Y. Public Library; American Museum of Natural History; Columbia University libraries; Museum of the American Indians Heye Foundation, Library of American Geographical Society; Frick Art Reference library; The Morgan Library; Metropolitan Museum of Arts, and several other less important collections.

1/1/35-3/9/35 WASHINGTON, D.C. - Library of Congress; Washington Public Library; U.S. Dept. of Agriculture; U.S. Bureau of Standards; U.S. Nat'l Museum; Smithsonian Institution & Bureau of American Ethnology; American Assn. of Museums; Pan-American Union; Freer Art Gallery; National Geographic Society, etc.

Feb. 1935 - BALTIMORE - Enoch Pratt Free Library; Walkers Art Gallery

3/16-3/21/35 NEW HAVEN - Yale University Library; also School of Music Library; Peabody Museum and Inst. of Human Relations of Yale Univ.

3/23-4/8/35 BOSTON & CAMBRIDGE - Boston Public Library; Boston Museum of Fine Arts; Harvard University Libraries; Harvard College Library; Fogg Art Museum; Peabody Museum; Museum of Comparative Zoolo-

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4/1/35 - SALEM, MASS. - Peabody Museum and Essex Historical Museum

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4/5/35 - WORCESTER, MASS. - American Antiquarian Society
Fine Arts Museum

4/9/35 - ALBANY, N.Y. - Museum of the State of N.Y.; Library of State of N.Y.

4/10-11 ROCHESTER, N.Y. - Museum of Arts and Sciences; Sibley Library in Eastman School
of Music; University Library

BUFFALO, N.Y. - Grosvenor Library; Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences & Research
Library

4/15/35- 5/30/35 ANN ARBOR, MICH. - University of Michigan Library ^{also Law Library and}
Museum of Anthropology

4/1/35 O-JM: Wishes to take part in conference of American Library Assn. to be held
in Denver in June. Subject of paper would be adaptations in cataloging or how
American methods can be used in a foreign library catalogue, under special con-
ditions. (attendance at conference approved by JM).

4/5/35 JM-O: Does not think it would be advisable for O. to visit other centers than
Denver in June (before or after attendance at Conference in Denver)

5/2/35 JM-O: JM recommends that O. remain in Ann Arbor till end of May, with visits to
Cleveland, Toledo, and Columbus in the meantime; spend most of June in Chicago;
and leave from there for the Denver conference from 6/24-29. (see other side)

5/17/35 O-JM: Has been in Chicago during last few days to meet Mr. Harper Kelley, Head
of Prehistoric Dept. of Trocadero Museum, Paris. Also made brief visit to Detroit.

5/24/35 - TOLEDO, OHIO - Toledo Public Library and Toledo Museum of Art
6/1-6/23/35 - CHICAGO - Field Museum of Nat. History, Art Inst. of Chicago, John Crerar
Library, U of Chicago Library, etc.
6/24/35-6/29/35 DENVER - Meetings of A.L.A. (visits to U of Denver & Denver Art Museum)
7/1/35-7/6/35 SANTA FE - School of American Research & State Museum of New Mexico
Museum of Art, Lab. of Anthropology & U.S. Indian School
7/19/35-7/21/35 CLEVELAND - Museum of Natural History, Cleveland Public Library
7/27/35-7/28/35 PHILADELPHIA - University Museum and Philadelphia Public Library

8/3/35 Sailed on s/s REX from N.Y. POSITION (On Sailing Form): Librarian, Musee d'Ethno-
graphie du Trocadero, Paris.

11/22/35 IBA Interview: Requests aid from RF for library development in France.

January 1938: IAL Survey: Position: Librarian, Musée de l'Homme, Paris, France.
During 1936-1937 was technical secretary to the Library section of the Paris
International Exposition,

June 1942 Mr. Makinsky has just learned that Miss O. had been shot and killed by the
Germans.

*July 6, 1945: JM writes to Mlle. O, ^{OK} ~~with~~ the news that she has been liberated and and
returned safely to Paris.

9/10/45 Alfred Metraux: to JM: Saw O. in Paris in the beginning of May. M. feels that O. needs
a trip to the US before resuming her former work. O. played a heroic part in the
resistance movement and she herself launched the word resistance.

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4/24/46 WWBishop-DHS: ..O engaged in the resistance movement (during the war). Unfortunately she was betrayed by a colleague in the Museum, was tried and condemned to death; but was afterwards commuted to life imprisonment..Somehow she managed to survive and had come through, not unscathed but sufficiently restored so that she is back at her old post. A very large number of the Staff of the Univ. of Michigan Library suggest that O be brought to this country for the completion of her book (of her war experiences)...O is easily the foremost woman librarian in France.

5/9/46 JM-O: ..any arrangement that is made should be made by the ALA rather than by RF.

5/13/46 CHMilam-JM: The enclosed letter to Mlle. O will indicate that we have taken the action which you and we desire. I hope it is not too late for her to get transportation in time to be here for the Buffalo meeting.

10/1/46 JM-EJCarter,UNESCO: O was brought over on her present visit by the Amer. Library Assn. to attend the conference it held in June. I wouldn't venture to bring her to your attention if I weren't fairly sure that she might well turn out to be the type of French librarian that UNESCO might have need of.

11/3/48 JM: Technically she is on leave from the position of librarian of the Institute of Ethnology in the Musee de l'Homme in Paris. Her work there and her training give her the unusual combination of competence in both librarianship and anthropology. She can be said without question I think to be the leading woman librarian in France. In addition to that she is a woman of unusual intelligence and courage. ... In the Pilot

Project in Fundamental Education in Haiti which Unesco is sponsoring, O is particularly responsible for studying the preparation of printed and visual materials. She has now been in the Valley of Marbial, the present site of this experiment, for two months, and is now in this country for as long as is necessary to get the best of American experience and advice.

Correspondence Discarded

1949 Form: O. is still with the Unesco-Rockefeller mission: survey in relation with the Fundamental education pilot project in Haiti.

Sept. 1950 Fshp. Directory form: In addition to my UNESCO duties I still hold the position as Head Librarian at the Musee de l'Homme.

5/13/55 F.Rainey-JM: The National Research Council is organizing the Vth International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences to meet in September 1956, and O has been asked to set up and manage the Secretariat. Commitments in Paris in the summer of 1956 would necessitate two trips to the U.S. Rainey requests RF assistance in financing one transatlantic trip. 6/2/55 LCD-Rainey: Request declined.