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SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
September 19, 1988

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

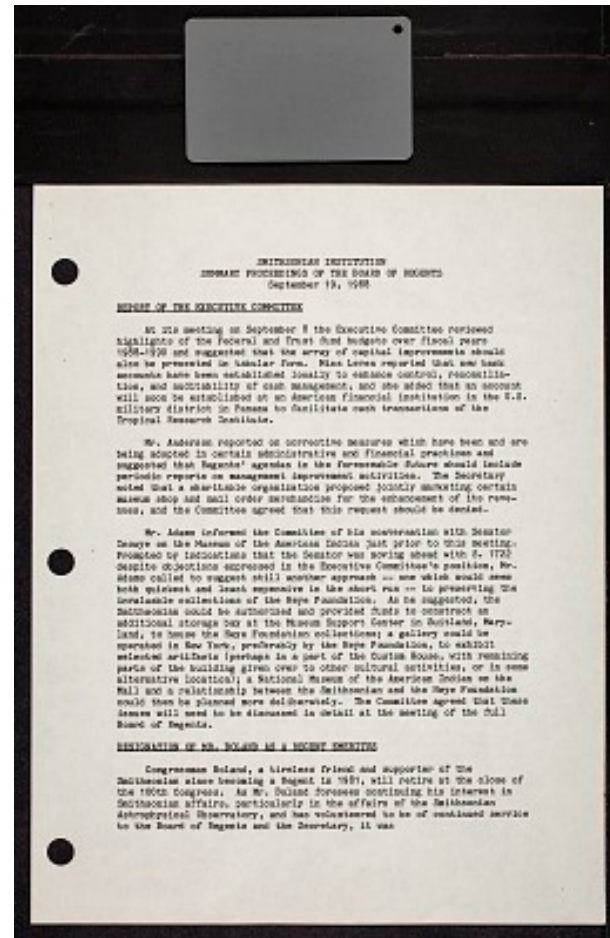
At its meeting on September 8 the Executive Committee reviewed highlights of the Federal and Trust fund budgets over fiscal years 1988-1990 and suggested that the array of capital improvements should also be presented in tabular form. Miss Leven reported that new bank accounts have been established locally to enhance control, reconciliation, and auditability of cash management, and she added that an account will soon be established at an American financial institution in the U.S. military district in Panama to facilitate cash transactions of the Tropical Research Institute.

Mr. Anderson reported on corrective measures which have been and are being adopted in certain administrative and financial practices and suggested that Regents' agendas in the foreseeable future should include periodic reports on management improvement activities. The Secretary noted that charitable organization proposed jointly marketing certain museum shop and mail order merchandise for enhancement of its revenues, and the Committee agreed that this request should be denied.

Mr. Adams informed the Committee of his conversation with Senator Inouye of the Museum of the American Indian just prior to this meeting. Prompted by indications that the Senator was moving ahead with S. 1722 despite objections expressed in the Executive Committee's position, Mr. Adams called to suggest still another approach -- one which would seem both quickest and least expensive in the short run -- to preserving the invaluable collections of the Heye Foundation. As he suggested, the Smithsonian could be authorized and provided funds to construct an additional storage bay at the Museum Support Center in Suitland, Maryland, to house the Heye Foundation collections; a gallery could be operated in New York, preferably by the Heye Foundation, to exhibit selected artifacts (perhaps in a part of the Custom House, with remaining parts of the building given over to other cultural activities, or in some alternative location); a National Museum of the American Indian on the Mall and a relationship between the Smithsonian and the Heye Foundation could then be planned more deliberately. The Committee agreed that these issues will need to be discussed in detail at the meeting of the full Board of Regents.

DESIGNATION OF MR. BOLAND AS A REGENT EMERITUS

Congressman Boland, a tireless friend and supporter of the Smithsonian since becoming a Regent in 1981, will retire at the close of the 100th Congress. As Mr. Boland foresees continuing his interest in Smithsonian affairs, particularly in the affairs of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, and has volunteered to be of continued service to the Board of Regents and the Secretary, it was



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