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20 August, 1958

H.R.H. The Sultan of the Maldives
The Royal Palace
Male

Your Excellency:

- GREETINGS
FROM
AMERICA -

About ten years ago the postage stamps of your country took hold of my imagination with a grip of steel, and since that time they have formed the favourite part of my stamp collection.

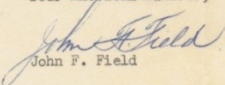
This collecting has led to a desire to know more about your wonderful land. Information of this nature is very scarce here in America, but little by little a considerable knowledge of this subject has been acquired. The recent article by Captain Villiers in The National Geographic magazine has been the most enlightening of all the articles so far found.

With this increased awareness of the vitality and charm of your homeland, has been born the desire to master the Tana script language in use there. To bring this desire to fruition there is need of a grammar or some other book by which I may study your language.

Your Excellency, if it is within your power to grant me this wish, would you cause to have sent to me a Tana grammar or other study book? The sum of eighteen Rupees Ceylon and the equivalent of ten more Rupees in American money is enclosed in appreciation of your granting of this humble request.

Thank you very much for your kindness to me, and with all best wishes for your continued good health and prosperity, I am,

Your American Admirer,


John F. Field

Enc: Eighteen Rupees Ceylon
Two Dollars American