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Note to Contributors Regarding Maps

1. To All Authors:

Experience so far has demonstrated the necessity of checking all the maps submitted. Nearly all have to be redrawn also, in order to standardize the style and to make them suitable for reduction to our standard sizes. Much time and trouble has already been expended in searching for accurate base maps. All authors submitting maps are hereby requested to supply us with some details on their sources. Those who have already sent their articles should write immediately, while the rest should supply this information when they submit their pieces.

As previously noted, we do not want finished maps. But we do need accurate maps. The best is a map drawn on the original or a Xerox copy of a U. S. Geological Survey or National Atlas map (or the equivalent for Canada, Mexico, Greenland). In such cases, all data which are to appear on the final map must be clearly indicated--including rivers, mountain ranges, towns, etc. Do not use gasoline company maps or other inaccurate base maps. If an original or Xerox copy cannot be drawn on, then give us a precise reference to the base map you used. If a copy is likely to be difficult to locate, we would appreciate the loan of one, which will be returned undamaged (it is a poor use of the skilled illustrator's time for her to travel to the Library of Congress or elsewhere in Washington in search of base maps). Clearly indicate the caption or title that should accompany each map.

2. To Authors of Tribal Entries:

Each tribal entry must be accompanied by at least one map, indicating occupation areas and range of the group. This matter has already been mentioned on page 13 (item 14) of the Guide for Contributors. These maps should be done in the manner most appropriate for each tribe.



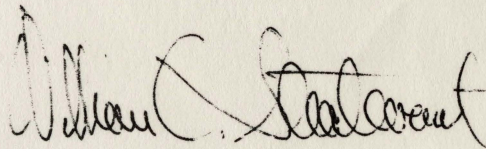
However, for several reasons it now seems necessary to attempt larger maps of tribal distributions. Each area volume will have a rather diagrammatic tribal distribution map at the front, to serve as an index. This will be reduced to fit on one or at most two pages (no fold-outs will be used). Each Volume Editor is asked to compile this map on the basis of drafts submitted by his authors. If possible, these will be combined for a new continental map, for use in showing various distributions.

On the enclosed base map:

1) Please indicate the outer boundaries of the range of the group for which you are the author. Show the area at the earliest period (and state the approximate date) for which a relatively accurate boundary can be drawn at the eventual scale of one page for the entire culture area. Do not show settlements or subgroups. Force the data, guess, or be arbitrary, if necessary in order to draw a sharp line which will separate the range of your group from all its neighbors. Do not indicate the arbitrariness of the boundaries by showing them with ruled lines, sharp corners, circles, shading, or other such conventions. A disclaimer will be published to point out the standard problems with such maps and to indicate that the maps published with the tribal articles are more accurate representations.

2) Within the area you enclose, please indicate any changes that must be made in the physical features shown in order to depict them at the corresponding date. The base map is a modern one; the effects of dams must be removed, and where possible older shorelines and watercourses should be restored. Modern state and province boundaries will remain, as aids in orientation.

3) Send the result to this office. We will forward it to the Volume Editor, who will correspond with you about any problems in coordinating treatments into a single map of the culture area.



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