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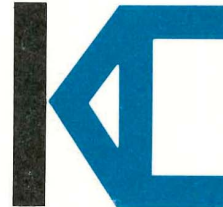
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Dear Mr Kocaoglu

CENTRAL ASIAN RESEARCH PROJECT

Negotiations between the Council of Keston College and the financial backers are continuing and there is every indication that these will soon come to a positive conclusion. This expectation is based on conversations held at Keston on 25 February, when four of the key sponsors visited the institute for an extended talk with Michael Bourdeaux (Director), Sir John Lawrence (Chairman of the Council) and several of their research staff.

As soon as we have confirmation, we shall wish to call people for interview. Unfortunately for financial reasons we are unable to do this earlier.

We shall be looking for two additional staff to do the work (terms as in the original letter), one of whom may be part-time. The successful candidates would be expected to come as soon as convenient thereafter, and in any case not later than the end of September 1980.

It would be a great help to us if you could indicate whether, in view of the slight delay in our plans, you are interested in being on the short list.

Yours sincerely

Shirley Davison

Reverend Michael Bourdeaux

Signed in absence

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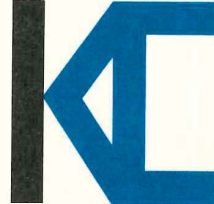
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Dear Mr Kocaoglu

Your name has been given to me by Professor Edward Allworth and I am writing to acquaint you with a project on Soviet Central Asia which we are about to begin here and to ask you whether you might possibly be interested in participating.

Keston College is a small research institute (not a college in the American sense) which studies all aspects of religions in the communist countries. Our most recent scholarly publication was a book on church-state relations in Lithuania which came out at the end of last year. We publish a quarterly journal, Religion in Communist Lands, and I am sending a copy of this under separate cover.

We hope very shortly, though the financial guarantee is not absolutely signed and sealed, to begin the new project on Soviet Central Asia. By extension this would include Muslims in other parts of the Soviet Union, but we wish also to include work on the Christian and other minorities in the Central Asian area. We do already have staff here competent to study this in conjunction with their work on the Orthodox, Catholics and Protestants generally. At some stage, though not immediately, we would hope to extend work to include the study of Muslims in other countries of Eastern Europe, especially Yugoslavia and Albania.

Assuming the grant comes through as expected, the salary scale for an appointment here would be in the range between \$8,500-\$12,000 per annum, as a starting rate. The place on the scale would depend on the age, experience and academic record of the successful applicant.

The work would involve close co-operation with the existing research team under my own personal direction, a willingness to use initiative in locating information from all conceivable sources with the ability to present that information objectively to a variety of readership. We would hope, eventually, for a publication of a book perhaps at the end of the initial period of the grant, but meanwhile academic articles will appear in the journal from time to time as well as a regular

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flow of more popularly written information for our news service. On the personal level, the successful applicant will find himself in a group of people who in fact are mainly Christian, but it has been intended from the outset that there would be representatives of other religions on the staff. Members of staff are not expected to evangelise others.

It would not be possible to make an appointment without an interview. I presume you do not have any existing plans to come to London within the next two months, but if not and you wish to apply, please let me know where you will be during that time in the hope that one of our Council may be available to meet you.

If you decide to make a formal application, please include a full curriculum vitae and the names of two referees, one of whom may well be Professor Allworth if you wish. If you do apply, please let me know what is the earliest you will be able to come here to begin work.

Yours sincerely



Reverend Michael Bourdeaux