

30 july 1949

The Royal Scottish Museum
Edinburgh

Dear Sirs,

I have read in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Vol. LXIX (1909), the description by E.B. Knobel of a chinese celestial planisphere, belonging to your museum and catalogued as "a bronze compass 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter, taken from a Japanese Junk, with raised dots in the centre said to represent stars".

I am presently making a study of similar chinese celestial maps, and should greatly appreciate a copy of your original photograph as reproduced in above mentioned paper. Do you still have this negative, and could you have a good copy made? Of course, the cost shall immediately be refunded..

It is not my intention to reproduce presently this photograph, but should this ever be the case, I should of course first refer to you.

I stay at your disposal if my own notes or documents on similar objects could be of any help to you or to one of your correspondents. and remain

yours very truly

Dear Sirs,

17 August 1949

Please accept my best thanks for the print of your chinese Planisphere, as asked by my letter of 30th July. In a fortnight or so, I shall be able to send you a reprint of my paper on the oldest chinese astronomical instrument, and hope to publish later a special study on chinese celestial cards. Of course your kind help will be acknowledged.

yours faithfully

H.Michel



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5th August, 1949.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your letter of 30th July, 1949, I have pleasure in forwarding a print of the Chinese Planisphere, which please accept with Compliments from The Royal Scottish Museum.

We should be glad if you would make the usual acknowledgement in the event of the photograph being published.

Yours faithfully,

Alex. R. Hutchison.

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