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The Asia Foundation announced in October that it has distributed a total of 1.75 million books to more than 3000 colleges, universities, libraries, and civic groups in Asian countries during the past six years. The volumes, distributed under the Foundation's "Books for Asian Students" project, were donated by publishers, libraries, university and college groups, and individuals in the United States. The Foundation is a nonprofit, nonpolitical organization established by private American citizens to support "individuals and groups in Asia who are working for the attainment of peace, independence, personal liberty, and social progress". While the donation of books in the physical sciences and scientific journals in runs of five years or more is particularly desired, the Foundation will welcome all college-level books in good condition which have been published within the past ten years. Works by standard authors are considered desirable regardless of date. On large shipments the Foundation will pay transportation costs from the donor to its office in San Francisco. All shipments or questions concerning categories, criteria, shipping, and program details should be addressed to Books for Asian Students, 21 Drumm Street, San Francisco 11, Calif.

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Two representatives of the National Science Foundation, Robert T. Webber and Henry Birnbaum, have been assigned to the staff of the United States Embassy in Tokyo to assist in promoting the exchange of scientific knowledge between scientists and institutions in Japan and the United States. Tokyo was chosen for the post, the first of its kind, because of the important basic research being done in Japan and because of the need for better communication between American and Japanese scientists. The two officers, who officially began their duties on October 1, will work in close cooperation with the science attaché, Willis R. Boss. They will study and report on Japanese scientific organization and funding and will make similar information on American science available to Japanese institutions. They will also develop and promote the exchange of documentary information. To accomplish this, they will assist in the publication in English of Japanese scientific articles and abstracts and will support activities for translating and abstracting existing Japanese scientific literature into English.

The Division of Mathematics, National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council, has announced the appearance of its annual list of Visiting Foreign Mathematicians. This bulletin includes information regarding some 140 mathematicians and statisticians spending some part of the current academic year in the United States and gives the dates of their visit, the host institution, and their field of interest, which in some cases includes mathematical techniques commonly applied in physics. Copies may be obtained by writing to the Division of Mathematics, National Academy of

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One-year appointments for "the development of creative abilities and advanced education of young investigators of unusual promise" are offered under a National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council program of postdoctoral resident research associateships. Eligibility requirements include US citizenship, a doctoral degree or its equivalent, and evidence of "superior ability for creative research". The associateships are tenable at the National Bureau of Standards, Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Naval Research Laboratory, Naval Weapons Laboratory, Navy Electronics Laboratory, US Army Chemical Corps Biological Laboratories, several laboratories of the Agricultural Research Service, and four technical centers of the Air Research and Development Command. Research opportunities at the regular and senior postdoctoral levels are also available at the Goddard Space Flight Center, the Quartermaster Research and Engineering Center Laboratories, and the Ouartermaster Food and Container Institute. Brochures describing these separate associateships in detail can be obtained from the Fellowship Office, National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington 25, D. C. In order to be considered for 1961-62 awards, applications must be filed with the Fellowship Office before February 1.

A new postdoctoral research fellowship program has been inaugurated with the support of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. Awards will be made in various branches of the natural and applied sciences to US citizens at the postdoctoral level for work carried out at educational institutions and research laboratories in the US and abroad. Application materials are available from the NAS-NRC Fellowship Office at the above address and must be returned by January 9.

The Institute of Mathematical Sciences at New York University is again offering temporary memberships to mathematicians and other scientists holding the PhD degree who intend to study and do research in the fields in which the Institute is particularly active. These fields include functional analysis, function theory, differential equations, mathematical physics, fluid dynamics and magnetohydrodynamics, electromagnetic theory,