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## Editor's Note:

The APSA participates in a number of book exchanges with the political science community abroad; "Bridges to Asia" is one such exchange program. Members are encouraged to cull their book collections for material printed after 1975 and to donate to "Bridges to Asia." Donors of materials pay U.S. shipping [\$10-20 per carton of 20-30 books]; Bridges to Asia pays ocean freight [\$1,500-5,000 per container of 12,500 books]; recipients in Asia pay costs of in-country distribution.

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If you have any questions regarding contributions call (510) 834-1919, or fax (510) 834-0962.

Dear Ms. Rudder:

This is to thank you, and to ask you to please convey our gratitude to your officers and staff, for your support of our book-donation program for developing countries in Asia.

We are especially grateful for the announcements and follow-up prompts that are being placed in your newsletter informing your community about the program.

The needs for scholarly materials among faculty and researchers in China, Indochina, the Philippines and other poor countries in the region are critical and profound. The educational sectors are badly degraded; few if any institutions can

afford the texts, journals, newsletters and other information we in the West take for granted, and most scholars are isolated, discouraged, and work under conditions of extreme hardship.

Materials that your members can provide are certain to be deeply appreciated and well used. Those we already have received from ACLS members include the diversity, richness and quality of information we had hoped for. The scholars and students in Asia we serve would thank you in person if they could. On their behalf we want to do so again. Thank you for the materials themselves, and for the concern and hope which they express.

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