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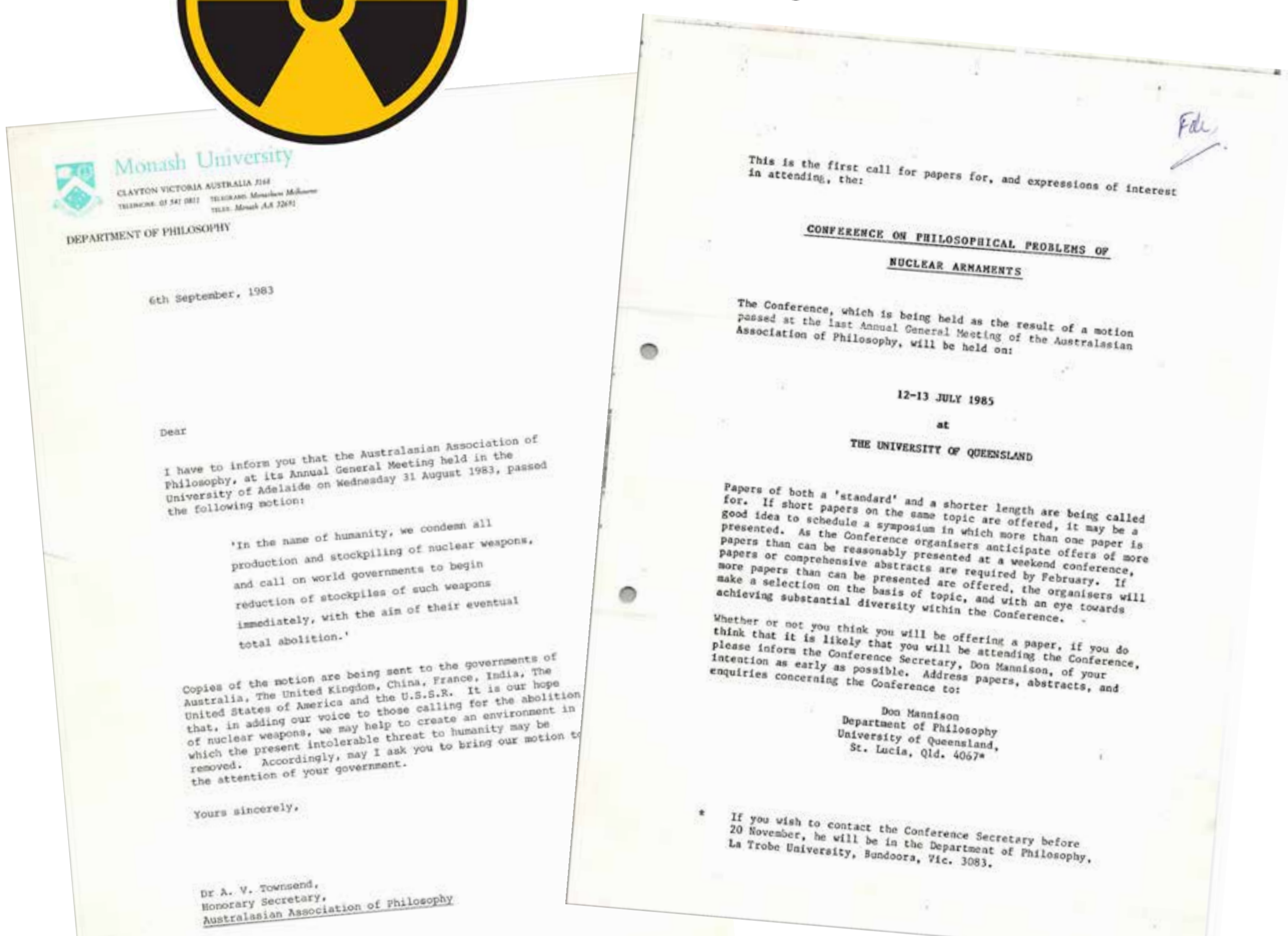
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1983 - 1992

1983



Nuclear Disarmament resolution calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons. Copies are sent to world governments.



Nuclear Armaments. The following motion was passed.
In the name of humanity, we condemn all production and stockpiling of nuclear weapons, and call on world governments to begin reduction of stockpiles of such weapons immediately, with the aim of their eventual total abolition.
 The text of the motion has been communicated to the Australian Government, and the governments of Britain, France, India, The United States of America, and the U.S.S.R.

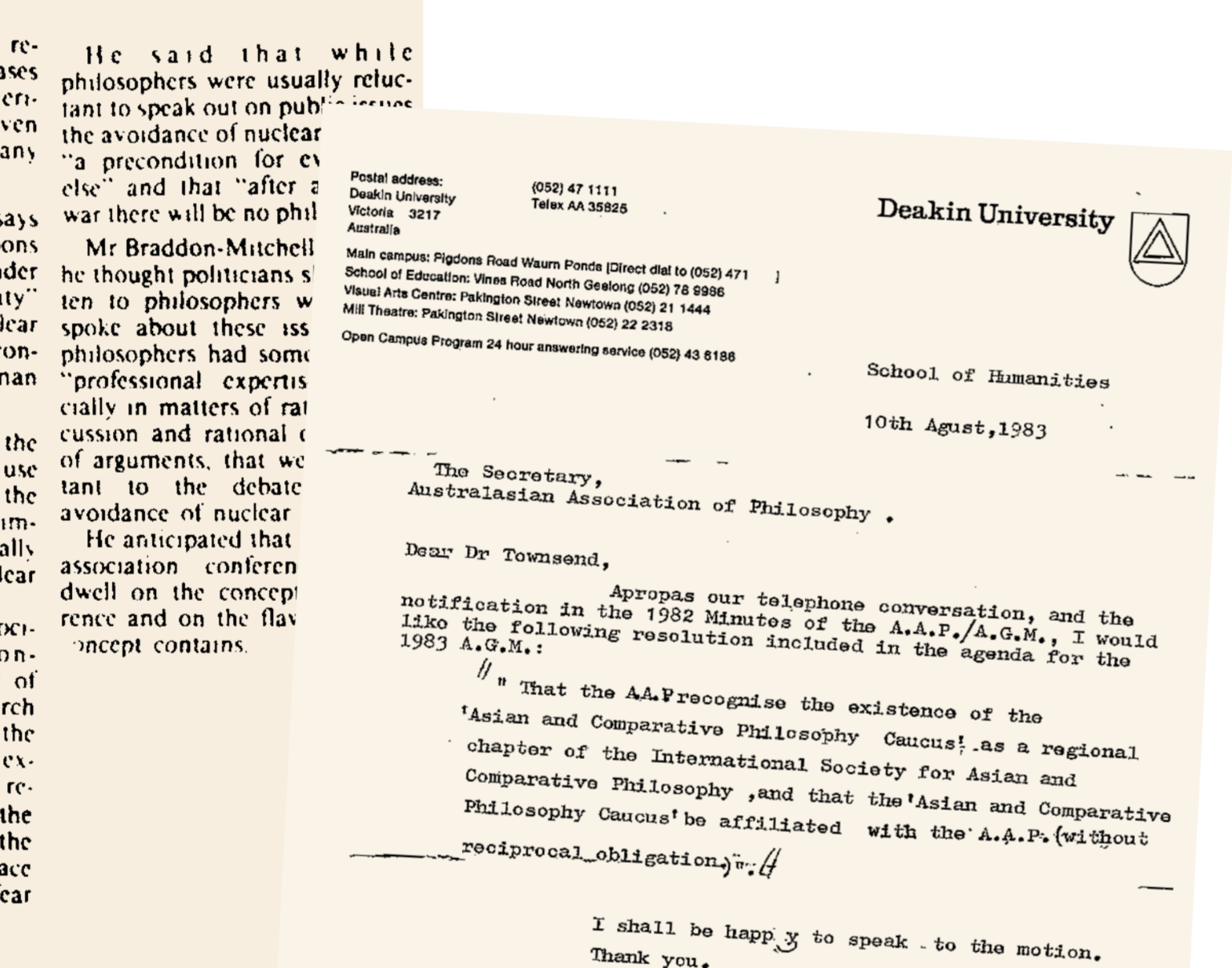
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1984

In 1984, a second resolution expressing concern about nuclear weapons and disarmament. The Association resolves to hold a special conference on 'Philosophical Problems of Nuclear Armaments' and in 1986 supports a special issue on nuclear disarmament in *Critical Philosophy*.

Philosophers speak out on fear of nuclear war

By IAN HADEN
 Among other things, the removal of United States bases from Australia will unless verifiable guarantees can be given that they cannot be used in any US first strike.
 The motion passed also says that any use of nuclear weapons would be tantamount to a declaration of war and that the world's nuclear arsenals pose a threat to the continued existence of the human race.
 The motion calls upon the Australian Government to use its influence to encourage the nuclear-armed nations to immoderately and unconditionally begin to reduce their nuclear arsenals.
 A spokesman for the association, Mr David Braddon-Mitchell, of the Department of Philosophy in the Research School of Social Sciences at ANU, said that concern over nuclear weapons had increased a general change in the mood of the community, the need for a special conference was a natural outcome of the growing fear of nuclear war.



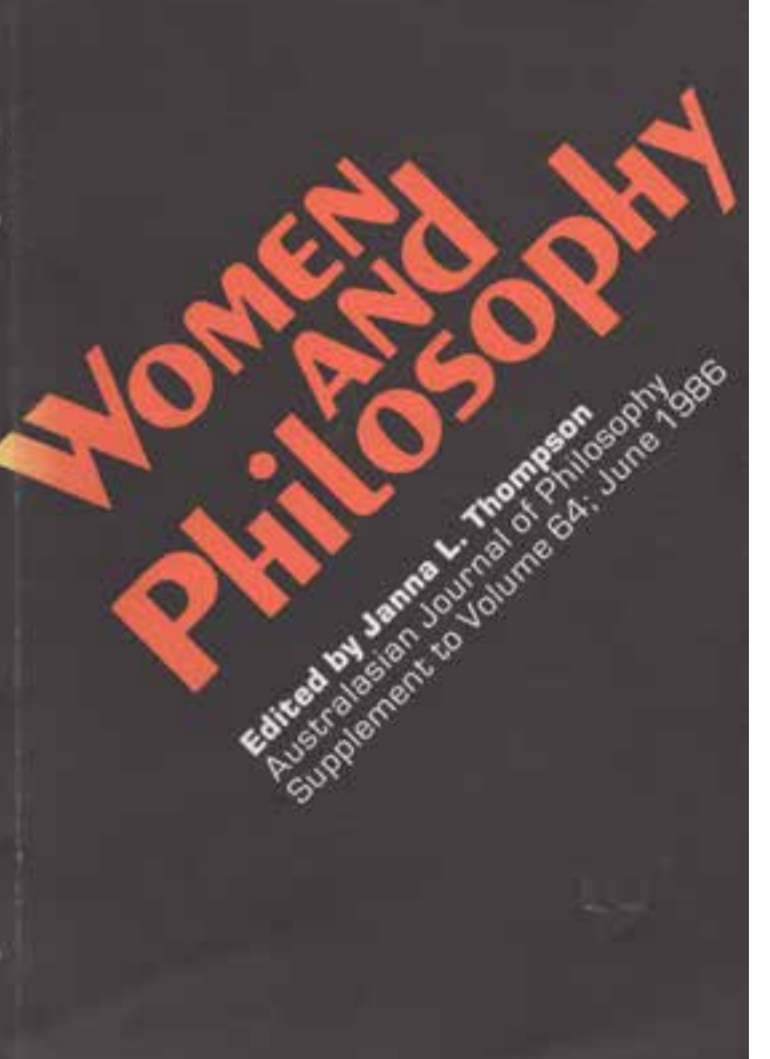
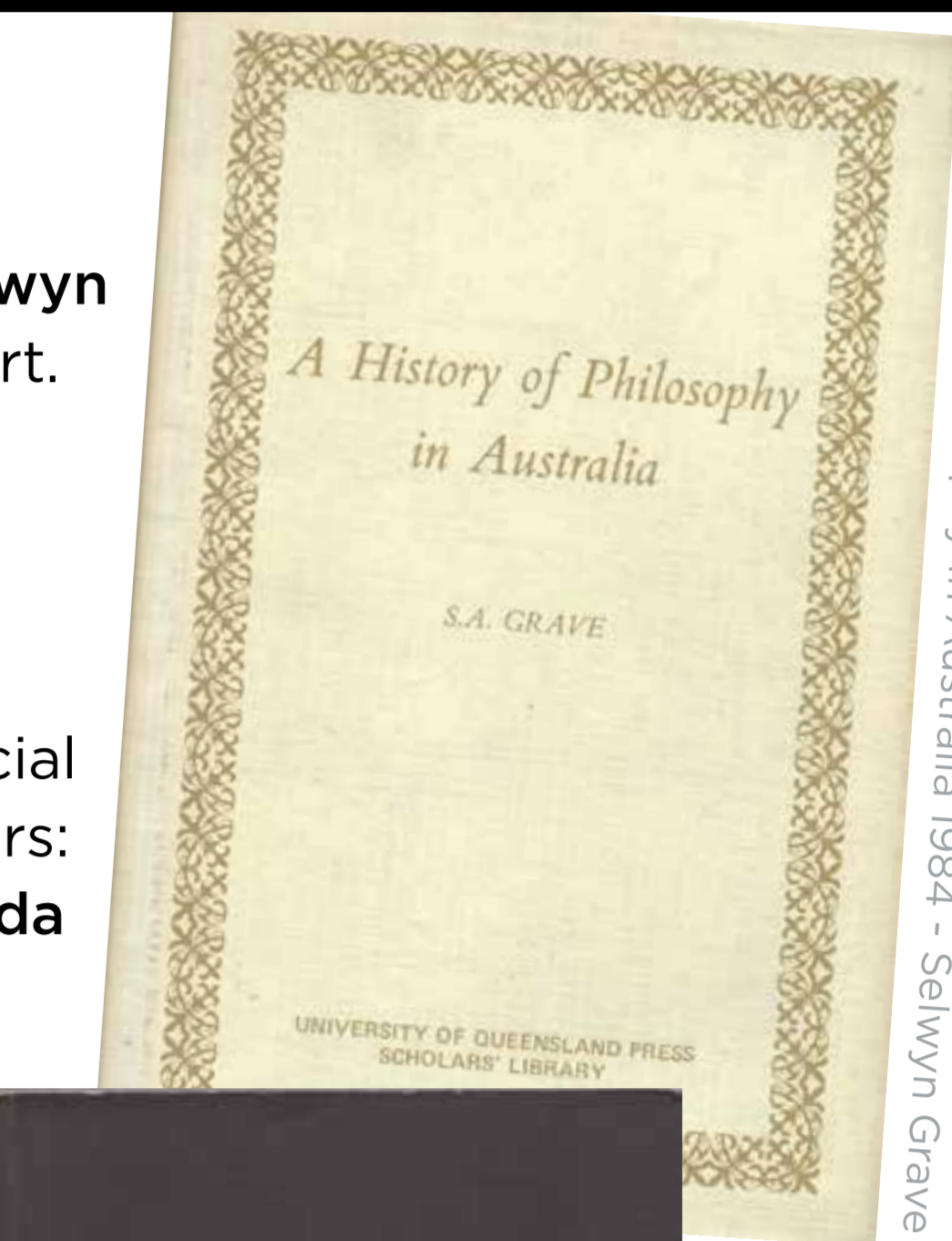
A History of Philosophy in Australia. Selwyn Grave's monograph receives AAP support.

1986

Women and Philosophy AJP special issue. Editor: **Janna Thompson**. Advisors: **Elizabeth Gross, Mary McCloskey, Brenda Judge and San MacColl.**



Janna Thompson



1988

Australia's Bicentennial. The 1988 conference features an "Australia Day" with papers on 'Australian Philosophy or Philosophy in Australia?' **John Passmore**, 'Australian Philosophy in the Nineteen Fifties' **Jack Smart**, 'Wittgenstein and the Analytic Tradition in Australia' **Graeme Marshall**, 'The History of Logic in Australia' **Len Goddard**, and 'Philosophical Wowsersism' **Richard Sylvan**. A symposium on Australian colonisation and the case for compensation for Indigenous Australians features **Janna Thompson, John Bigelow, Robert Pargetter** and **Robert Young**.

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1991

Women and Philosophy Report. Includes updated recommendations from the 1982 Report: *Special Problems Facing Women in Philosophy*, by **Marion Tapper** and **Janna Thompson**.

Australasian Postgraduates Survey by **Lynda Burns** and **Nick Agar**.

Philosophy for Children Conference is held alongside the 1991 conference.

Academic Freedom. Resolution expressing concern at the threat to academic freedom, following the cancellation of the 1991 Wittgenstein Symposium on applied ethics in Austria. Members are urged not to attend future Wittgenstein symposia until a commitment to basic principles of academic freedom of expression is made by the Wittgenstein Society.

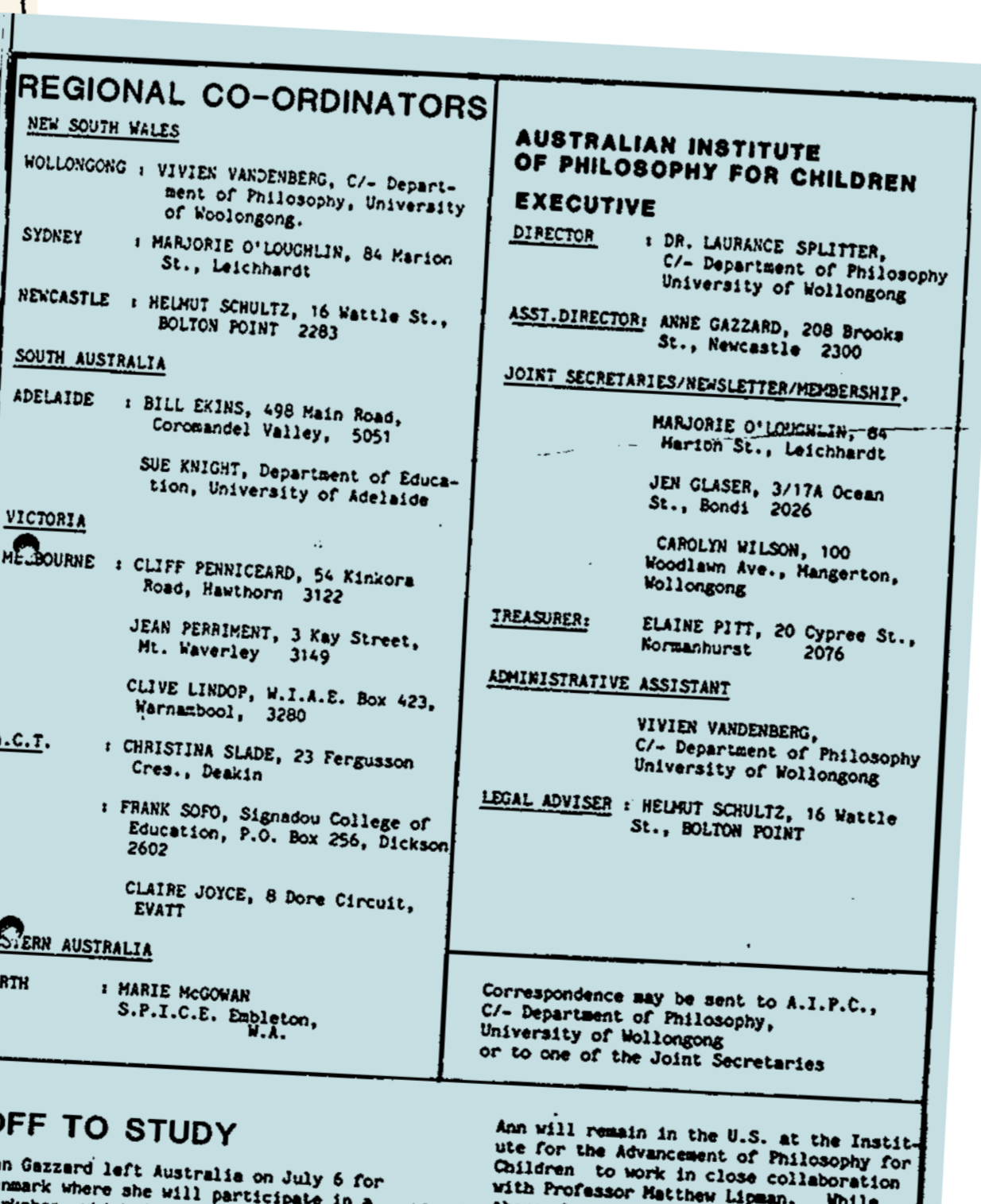
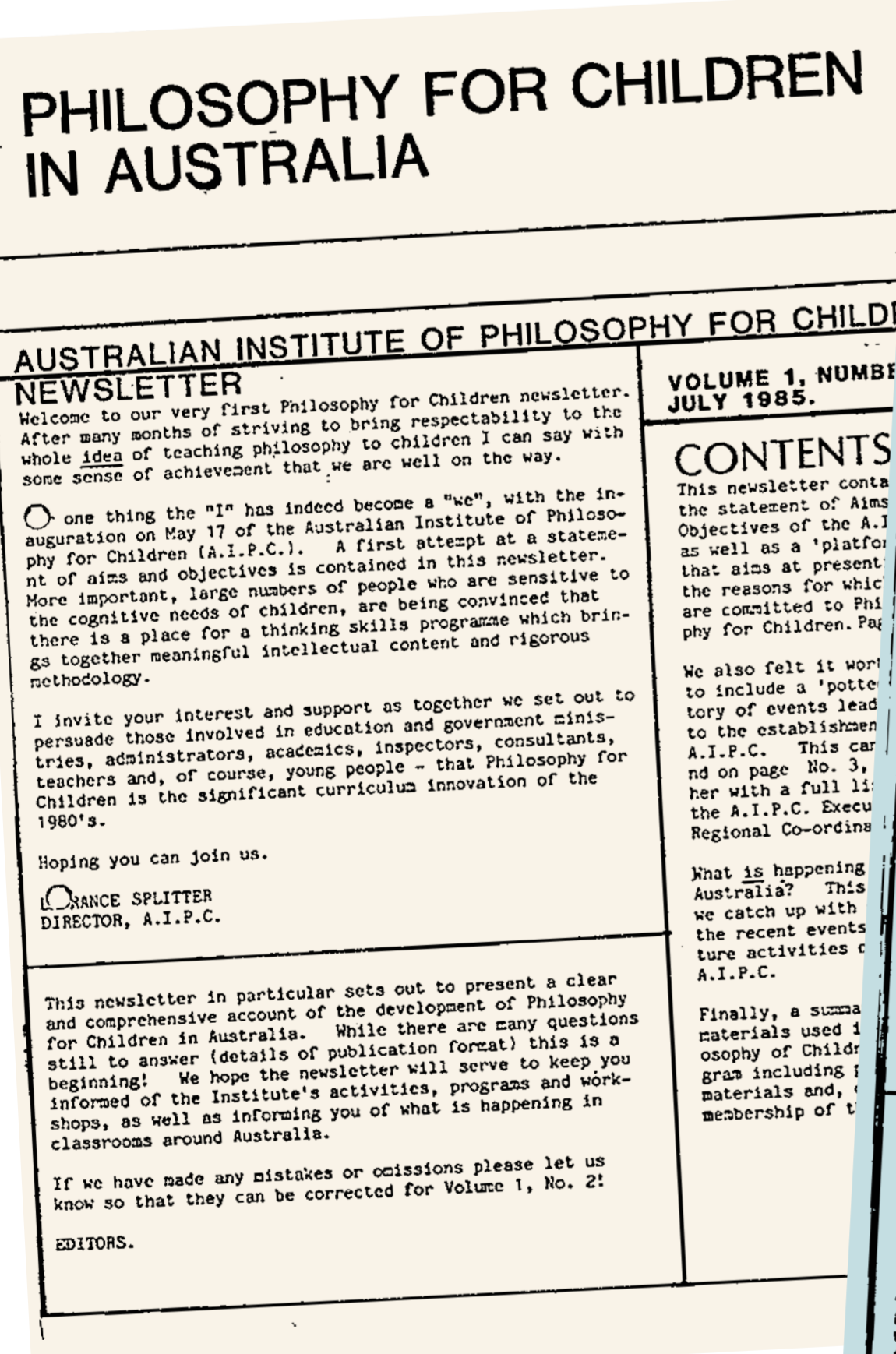
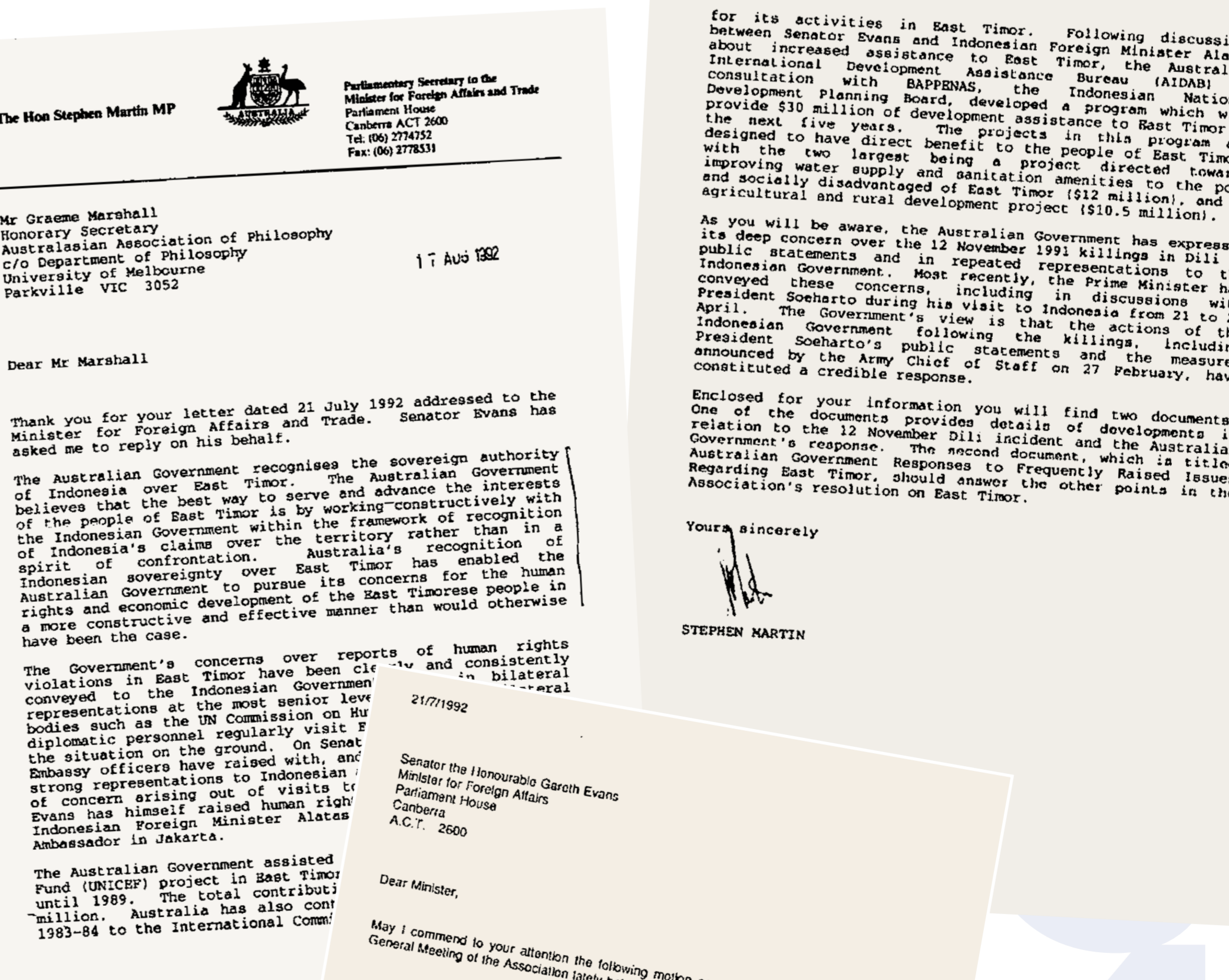
Association of Eastern Philosophy. Regional chapter of the Asian and Comparative Philosophy Caucus is founded and affiliates with the AAP.

1985

Philosophy in Schools. AAP supports initiatives for teaching philosophy in schools and becomes an institutional member of the **Australian Institute for Philosophy for Children** (Director: **Laurence Splitter**). These actions follow a report on Introducing Philosophy in the High School Curriculum (Marjory O'Loughlin, Sydney CAE).

1992

Occupation of East Timor resolution expressing concern over the Indonesian occupation of East Timor. A copy is sent to **Senator Gareth Evans**. In response, the Government's position is restated.



Philosophy in Colleges of Advanced Education (CAE). To improve communications with philosophers outside universities, AAP supports a newsletter for philosophers teaching in CAE (Editor: **Paul Hagar**). The recommendation arises from a committee appointed in 1982 to investigate philosophy teaching in CAEs.



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A History of Philosophy in Australia 1984 - Selwyn Grave