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A fourth atlas dealing with the indigenous language situation in South America, is in an advanced planning stage. This atlas results from direct contact in South American countries by Dr Darrell Tryon of the Department of Linguistics, RSPacS, ANU, and earlier by Professor SA Wurm. Also, collaboration has been established with linguistics in the Irvine campus of the University of California headed by Professor Mary Ritchie Key, a specialist in South American indigenous languages. She is the author of a book on these languages and has close contacts with indigenous language specialists in South America. Dr Tryon has recently been in South America and has established further contacts for collaboration. Bond University has expressed interest in this atlas project and has promised help as may be necessary, and the Australian Academy of the Humanities has adopted this atlas under its auspices. It is to be another atlas publication comparable in form and size to the *Language Atlas of the Pacific Area*, and the *Language Atlas of China*, i.e. a loose leaf boxed publication with appropriate text materials on individual sheets. The atlas is expected to be completed around 1992, or not much later.

This is the story of the Atlas projects under the auspices of the Australian Academy of the Humanities. This may not be all. There is scope for more atlases, but at this stage it may perhaps be wise not to think too far ahead. One atlas has been published in full; of the second one, Part 1 has been published and Part 2 may appear in 1989; a third atlas is in hand, and a fourth on the drawing board in an advanced planning stage. This achievement has taken place in a time span of just over a decade.