

America in average figures for North America. This obscures what we are talking about. Any other division that you want to us that is not obscuring is certainly justified.

What I have in mind is this--that, instead of having an African Desk in the State Department, we'll have an Africa, South of the Sahara, Desk. Instead of having an expert on military intelligence who uses Africa as a whole and deals with diverse things, let's let him specialize on that part of Africa which is characterized by Africa south of the Sahara.

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I think you will/that there is ample explanation. If I had more time I'd tell you how Europe, Asia, and Africa came into being as concepts. It goes back to Aristotle and it was a brilliant, regional, generalization of the world. Today it is obscuring to talk about those continents. You would never speak of Europe as a separate continent if you had not been brought up to do it, any more than to speak of India as a separate continent. It's really a part of a larger land mass.

So let's talk about culture regions. I am using "culture" here in the sense of attitudes, objectives, and technical skills, and not just an appreciation of art and literature.

COLONEL BUEHLER: Dr. James, on behalf of the audience, I want to say that our understanding of geography has been greatly enhanced by your modern, integrated explanation of the subject and its relation to national power. Thank you very much.