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Greetings Jennie:

The big event this month was the tour of LBJ. It was a success far beyond anyones fondest hopes. He is big and rough, a tremendous glad hander with the constitution of an ox. Just the kind of a person who would have an immense appeal to the Aussies who he sized up perfectly. If he had been running for president of Australia, he would have gotten the job, hands down. People will remember his tour for years. Obviously, I was very proud.

The reprints of Cosmic Ray Astronomy arrived on the 11th. The transistors arrived in good condition on the 26th. Thanks. It was not necessary to send them by air because I have so many other things to do that I cannot use them immediately. The enclosed reprints indicate that a lot of money is still being wasted buying the wrong things. Ever larger and more expensive devices to produce smaller and less important results. Perhaps I should issue another blast in SCIENCE.

One of my antique radio friends showed up. I located for him some old Dutch tubes in the junk room of the University. He went away very happy.

Another batch of my barometric data has been analysed by the computer at Canberra. The results fit well with the first batch. One more batch will finish this study.

Radio Astronomy observations continue at Bothwell. Conditions have about relapsed to those of early 1963. I seem to have extracted the last ounce of information. An increasing amount of my time is being spent organizing the vast collection into a coherent whole.

This week the surveyors were at Bothwell making traverses over a hill NNW of telescope. It will be a while before they come thru with crossections and contours.

On the 21st of November I leave for two weeks at Sydney, Canberra and Narrabri. At Sydney I will assist in launching the new Astronomical Society of Australia, and expect to become a charter member. This trip will be by the fine new 10,000 ton coastal vessel Empress of Australia, reputed to be a real luxury ship. It leaves Hobart 10pm and arrives Sydney 8am the second morning. My next report will be delayed pending my return here early in December.

Best regards,

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