

21st May 1956
G.P.O., Hobart
Tasmania, Australia

Dear Schuyler:

Things have been progressing at the usual slow pace here. This year I intend to hang a couple of wires across a valley nearly $3/4$ mile wide. The country abounds with hills and vallies but finding a suitable one was quite difficult because most are thickly forested. The one selected is about 30 miles north of Hobart near a village named Kempton. The farmer has agreed to plant posts, cut trees, etc. Most of the material for the experiment is on hand or should be shortly. If I'm lucky, some results may be obtainable by the end of June. A couple of months data should be adequate to demonstrate what I intend to show. Thus I'll be here the rest of the winter. Presently, I've applied for passage via the Orient line to Honolulu leaving Sydney on October 2nd. Thus I'll be out of Australia before the big rush for the Olympic Games. Beyond the above my plans are quite vague.

By now, your new job is over two months old and you should be getting your feet on the floor. I'm much interested to hear how things are going and hope that too much travelling is not involved.

After thinking matters over, I decided to cancel that power of attorney which I made out about three years ago. I would feel better about things if I signed whatever documents are drawn up in person. Certainly, any real buyer will not be deterred by having to wait the additional two weeks required to send the papers down here and return.

My results of last year were published on the first page of the March issue of the Journal of Geophysical Research. I'll send you a copy as soon as some reprints become available. Apparently the Research Corporation was greatly pleased as they have in effect given me an open account to try as good an experiment here this year. I hope that I am lucky enough to be successful twice in a row.

That Hawaii thing was sort of a failure on what was intended. However a short discussion was published a year ago with some tentative explanation for the poor results. From time to time I still get letters and inquiries about the explanation. After taking a longer look at the whole matter it seems that perhaps the findings were a success after all but in a way quite different than intended. If this be so, then I may want to go back there and try some more observations after I get finished down here.

Let me know what gives with you and yours,