

3rd September 1965

Dear Jennie:

The four transistors arrived on the 9th August in good order. Thanks for the quick service. They are what I need and may be the only ones in Australia. Similar devices available here are an inferior Japanese product.

The air fotos and your letter of the 6th both arrived on the 10th. I've examined the fotos cursorily. The country is fairly flat, open scrub trees and apparently nearly pure sand or gravel, quite uninhabited. A few small ponds have shallow water but the area seems reasonably well drained. Practically useless country.

Your note of the 16th and Mr. Schauer's letter arrived on the 19th! Expt should be spelled out Experimentation. Also add "and Journal of Genetics". I won't need a copy at \$5. My antique radio friends will have to wait until I get back. If Mr. Schauer receives a positive reply to his letter, I will supply more briefing on the Edgells.

The big thing here during August was a convention of the Australia and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science which is equivalent of AAAS. Hobart had nearly 3000 guests for convention week. Some came early and many stayed late. I gave four talks on respectively; radio astronomy, cosmic rays, aborigines, beans. This was a record of some kind. We also had a bus excursion to Bothwell. Later I went out with the archeologists. I met a lot of new people and saw many old friends. Everyone had a good time. The radio was full of ANZAAS for a week. Three days after the convention I received an air letter from AEC wanting a copy of my cosmic ray talk! Unfortunately it was off the cuff

Radio astronomy observing conditions deteriorated during August. Raymond's ionosonde continues to operate consistently. A lot of good observations are on hand. I'll report on this when details are sorted out.

The past winter has been very mild and dry. Spring has come at least a month early with a few showers and many flowers. Nearly all ornamental flowers are imported from Europe or America. The Native Australian flora seems to be an ancient type rather sparse in color or size of flower. My twining lily has started with four good shoots.

Best regards,


Grote Reber