

5th January 1962

Happy New Year Jennie:

Thanks for all the letters, notes, memoranda, clippings, enclosures, etc. I missed writing a December letter; however I'll start the new year off properly.

I have answered Howard Michaelson and he is now writing to me here. Today I have written to the AGU telling them that I am not interested in their publications. The Ohio State affair was not a practical proposition, so I declined with thanks. They probably thought I worked in N.Y.C.

The clipping about Pawsey being appointed director at Green Bank is interesting. I know him well and am of the impression that he has never been there.

The tear sheets from Electronics tell that the promoters of federal grants have decided that the big mirror racket is dead. The new gimick will be Arrays with Aperture Synthesis. I'm wondering what con-men will take the NSF this time!

The Silastic bands have not yet turned up.

The transistors arrived but were inoperative and have been returned on 22/12/61 by registered mail.

The R.C. annual report and book by Greenwood arrived OK. After examining the latter, I deduce that I have a small fortune in antique radios stored at Finderne. Please send to me a copy of "Science Since Babylon" by Derek J. de Solla Price. Yale Press 1961, \$4.50 Hap might like to look at the part entitled "Diseases of Science".

I am sending to Hap a copy of the last C.S.I.R.O., annual report by sea mail. Also therein are three copies of CORESEARCH number 34. I wish to call particular attention to the article marked on second page.

If any company has a good proxy fight, please send that one to me. Deposit the rest in the circular file. Please send the annual reports by sea mail as they come in.

The shipping documents from you and duplicates from Intra-Mar Corp. arrived here telling me that my stuff is on the Wharanui to be discharged at Melbourne. This is OK as a weekly coastal service exists between there and here. However, the first scheme of direct to Hobart was a bit better but maybe no ship was scheduled in the near future.

My beans are doing well with much flowering and many large pods. While reversing the direction of vine doesn't significantly affect the growth rate; it is already clear that opposite colored seed do have different growth rates. My twining cactus fizzled out due to lack of care; but the University is doing well with the seed I gave to them.

Work at Bothwell is doing better. The digging turned out very difficult. Under a thin layer of top soil there is glacial morain and boulders over the entire valley. However, I have a contract specifying completion with all wires etc. in place by 16th March. We may make it.

I'll write again when there is something worth while.

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