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G.P.O., Hobart
Tasmania, Australia

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Dear Bert:

Thank you for your interesting letter of the 8th. I don't know what transpired on that telephone call, but it must be remembered that Jean is a good actress. The routine was worked on me a couple of times, after which it went flat. I wouldn't worry about Schuyler's finances. He doesn't have as much money as he would like, but he never will. According to my information, he is far from destitute. In any case I won't mention the matter. The papers for sale of house, garage and land are all enclosed. I believe the matter has turned out as well as can be expected. Certainly, neither Schuyler nor I were in any position to undertake moving the house. This can only profitably be done by one in the business and then only if some cheap land is available such as Muehlfelt owns. I'm satisfied with the outcome.

However, before the place is turned over to him, please go over and look in the attic, the basement and in the garage above the ceiling joists atop the door and see if anything belonging to me is there which looks like scientific apparatus. If so, please send it to Hahn for storage. He has the rest of my equipment. Schuyler left in quite a rush and it is likely something was over looked. There may be some old dead radio "B" batteries in the basement. You can forget these!

I'm much interested in your new building. I know the place well for the same reason. However I have not yet developed to your grand dimensions! In any case, at times I still feel like a kid. It seems to me the old merry-go-round was driven by a little steam engine and the operator used to "toot" the whistle before each start. This was quite an added attraction. I think you were wise to build a structure of moderate size for

your own use. From the description, it is certainly an asset to the neighborhood. I will come and see you when next in America.

In regard to the money, please send it for deposit to my account at the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, 115 West Monroe Street, Chicago 90, Illinois.

Down here my scientific experiments are going along very well. The results rather exceed expectations. That is the reason I have stayed so long. Unfortunately, after being here nearly two years, my impression of Australia leaves considerable to be desired. This continent is a huge opportunity which is being crudely muffed. Economically and politically Australia is an infant with rheumatism. My solution would be to kick out the British and install Americans. Things would then really begin to hum!

Digressing to another subject, these people are supposed to be among our best allies. If so, I don't want to see the poorer sort. Instead of us (USA) courting a lot of remote and backward places, they should court us. This would be so, if we had statesmen in our government. In my estimation, Dulles is head master of a college of fools; and this foreign aid is merely a world wide WPA. It brings us neither prestige nor even friends. The dispensing of alms nearly always embitters the recipient towards the giver merely because the former feels inferior to the latter.

I'll be back in America when I finish up here. See you then.

Best regards,

Grote Reber