

May 3th, 1954  
Wailuku, Maui, T.H.

Dear Schuyler:

Please pardon this long delay in answering your and Jeans letter of February 21st. My negotiations with the Australians bogged down as it turned out I was negotiating with the wrong people. I am now negotiating with the people directly in Tasmania. This is much more satisfactory. It turns out that there is a University of Tasmania in Hobart. Also the National Observatory in Canbarrea maintains a station or observatory on the outskirts of Hobart. They are doing some radio experiments which are in a general way associated with what I want to do. Hobart seems to be quite a large city judging from the maps and literature they have sent me. The population is over 50,000 and there seems to be quite a bit of industry such as lumbering, mining, smelting, etc. They have offered me the use of a 10 acre field station which is 11 miles outside of Hobart and assistance in getting setup and making measurements. Hobart connects with Sydney by air and by sea. It is built on a large estuary so considerable harbor facilities are available. This probably accounts for its size. They have given me a quotation of 20 pounds or about 44 dollars to setup an 80 foot pole complete with guy wires. This is less than a quarter what a similar pole would cost here in Hawaii. Apparently one can get more for his money nearly anywhere outside of the U.S.A. It is my intention to continue work here the rest of the summer and then go down there in September or October. Summer in Tasmania is from October thru March. Thus it will be possible to get setup during favorable weather. The actual measurements I wish to make are best done during their winter from March thru August. It seems probable that I will be there for a year. So far the largest rub seems to be getting the stuff I need here. All the manufacturers in the U.S.A. seem very coy when it comes to giving any actual delivery date. In self defense I have ordered some of the necessary items from Mullard in England and am having them sent directly to Hobart. Some times I think that this country needs a good depression.

In regard to the long discussion about circumstances in Wheaton, I have little to offer from this distance. You will have to do what ever seems best to you and that will also be best for me. After your driving me about town last winter, it is quite evident that the town has changed greatly and is going to continue to do so. I have no wish to live there again. Also it appears that real estate is greatly inflated. If you have to make a change it seems that you should sell in Wheaton where you can get more money for less and then buy somewhere out west of the Fox river where you can get more for less money both in property and in services. If one works in Chicago and has to live in the suburbs, that is one thing. Your business is, or will be in Aurora, so you can live farther out where things are less competitive and more economical. The way I look at it living in Wheaton is no bargain. This probably goes for any suburb within commuting distance of Chicago. In my estimation the big city has gotten far beyond the limit of diminishing returns.

All those boxes in the garage are pretty heavy and I have little belief that anyone is going to steal any. However the contents is quite easily damaged by water. Thus if they have to be outside for any time during your moving operations please be sure to have them well covered with a waterproof tarpaulin of some kind.

It does not seem likely that I will be needing any of that furniture in the attic and I certainly am not going to spend any money shipping it around. Perhaps it will be well to save it as you may like to have some of it at a later date. For instance, when the small fry get a little larger and you have more room in a new establishment, you may well be able to use the dining room table and chairs which are up there. I think there is a china cabinet and a book case also, plus some other things which I cannot remember.

Presently you should be getting most of my technical journals. I had the mailing address changed when I thought I was going to Australia this spring. Now that the trip has been deferred to autumn I would like to see what is in them. However I do not wish to change the mailing address back here for the few remaining months. You might lug a bushel or so out to your factory and have Mike put them in a wooden box. Then take the box down to the express office and have it sent out here. The express company has an office at Kahului. On second thought the goods will probably come just as fast if you send them by freight via Matson lines as that is the way the express comes. Use your own judgment. I'll pay the shipping charges at this end.

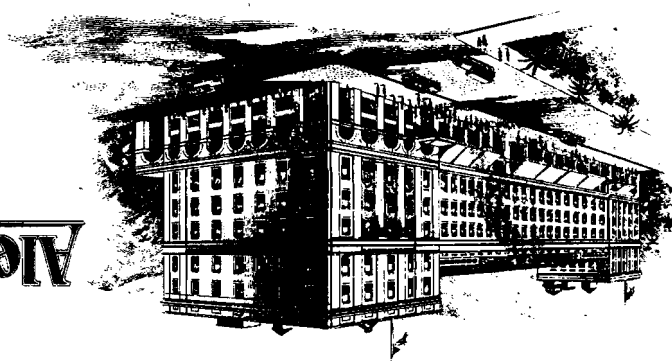
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