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Dear Hap:

Recently I have had another cat & dog time with the import people. My agreement about freedom from tax and duty is sound enough, but there is no guarantee of freedom from encounter with stupid people. Specifically, I had my brother send to me my Esterline-Angus recorder. It left Wheaton on 1st August and arrived Sydney via RMS Oronsay on the 22nd. After that quick trip, over six weeks were required to get it thru the import foolishness and down here. This is the third straight time I've been thru this mill and as I feel now; it is the last. All this kind of silly business takes up a lot of my time and energy which could be more profitably used elsewhere. Also there are an increasing number of signs that Australia is heading for severe economic difficulties, perhaps a year or two from now. All these things have caused me to revise my plans further.

There is really only one more critical experiment which should be done here. This is to make a further group of measurements at 500kc using the Y mode next March thru May. It will be a certain test of the celestial origin of these radiations which are presently in some doubt at 500kc. Then I intend to pack up my apparatus and leave in July or August.

These low frequency studies should be continued, as I believe them to be of considerable importance from a cosmological point of view. However it now seems on the basis of my present results, that equally good data may be secured in the northern hemisphere, perhaps somewhere in New England. In any case, it is becoming increasingly evident that I must be nearer to sources of supply, if these studies are to be prosecuted effectively.

Consequently, I wish to change my mind in regard to my last letter. All the things I requested therein, I will eventually need; but don't ship them here as it may be a year or more before I actually get my hands upon the goods. I would suggest, cancel all orders if possible; if not, please store the goods somewhere. We can go into the subject of whats to be done next when I see you in January.

I'm sorry to have bothered you about these matters, but as you can understand, I am becoming quite weary of all the practical technicalities and road blocks. Also, after reading that vast literature from Emberson in some detail, I have a hunch that the steering committee needs some steering.

Best regards,



Grote Reber