

19th December 1960
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Dear Hap:

Just a note to tell you that once again I am in the land of the Kangaroo and the Southern Cross. The sun is high in a blue sky and spring flowers are beautiful and abundant.

Inquiry revealed that during my absence, the eager-beavers at Radio Physics have been taking data for me at 19.7ms. This I am now analysing. It seems like good material and encourages me to get on with the project here. I haven't gotten out to see the Edgells at Bothwell yet, but expect to in a few days. I did talk to them over the phone and they seemed to be still agreeable to the idea.

My boxes from Hawaii arrived here in good shape. I don't know just what the situation is on the goods to be sent from Bound Brook. The main thing holding up the show seems to be the heat pump. I'd still like to get this pump if the Westinghouse people can give a prompt delivery. However I don't want to hold up everything else for it. Please see if you can have Byerly expedite this matter.

I was out to Parkes to see the 210 ft. dish. It is about half completed and a month ahead of schedule. The German superintendent informed me that he had 35 workmen and was overstaffed so there would be a lay-off in January! Apparently the whole thing will be ready for acceptance tests in April or earlier.

A letter with several enclosures was awaiting me here, but nothing of great importance. Please tell Sam Smith that he should get a line of supply on those Butter Beans soon. When anything more worth writing about develops, I'll let you know.

I hope you are all having fine crisp weather and a

Merry Christmas,

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