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Dear Hap:

This letter is being sent to your home because the contents are no affair of the RC staff. The climate here is mild and temperate. The people are pleasant and congenial. The city is a good one with most of the accommodations of civilization. Plenty of scientific facilities are available at C.S.I.R.O. and the University. My results at Bothwell are interesting and the equipment works well. The general circumstances and environment are about all one could ask for; being much better than Maui, Green Bank or N.B.S.

During the past year I have put the best face possible on my letters to Jennie. Unfortunately, a social problem exists and the truth of the matter is I'm a bit unhappy and sort of lonesome. I cannot continue to adventure indefinitely. Last 22nd December I was 52 years old. After putting it off for 25 or 30 years after the normal time; I would like to get married and settle down somewhere. This is the nicest place I've been able to find. Unfortunately, I do not wish to give up my American Citizenship. Consequently, I cannot in good faith marry an Australian. There appears to be only two practical arrangements.

- (a) I become an Australian, marry an Australian and stay.
- (b) I close up in a year or so, return to America, marry an American and remain.

The whole matter seems to be unsolvable. It is not my custom to make snap decisions. This letter is merely to appraise you of my general thinking, or lack thereof.

Best wishes to you and Jean.


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