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I've no typewriter, heaven help me, so you may find this your
finish reading this. Primarily the letter is to let you know that I shall be
coming in Canberra from Melbourne by ANA flight AN 381 leaving Melbourne
0830 & arriving Canberra 0925 on Thursday 6th November - & leaving Can-
berra for Sydney by ANA flight AN 354 at 0930 on Sunday 9th November.
This should give us ample time to discuss that bibliography, the Bonabaw Court Case,
& 1001 other matters as well. [I may have to see a god at the ANU there for whom I'm
doing research - or who may be in Sydney or Sava - otherwise I have no commitments, tho'
I'd like a few words with Oskar Joste].

Well, you said the A.G., J.P.P. Treasury Minister or what name you would be on
my mind if Tebuke did not get here first. But no, I'm safe, sound & unharmed.
As far as the Bonabaws are concerned, that is not surprising. Some weeks ago I
was shown a transcript of some of old Rotan's evidence in Court. He stated on oath
that, 'when you & I went up in 1947 (Statement of Intentions meeting) Mande
(+ to some extent Mardemald) threatened us that, if we returned to Juan Island
either temporarily or permanently, we would kill Rabi and their heads to
others who were eager to buy it. He said "Ki Cati ni make" - & that is the
reason we decided & voted to stay on Rabi...! What an appalling lie - & on
oath too. So I wrote to the Bonabaw's Minister Mr. Brown told him I had
seen this evidence that it was "an outrageous lie" - And that I
could not in all conscience now give evidence for the Bonabaws. I have
never learned even the contrary of an acknowledgment - perhaps not
altogether surprising! But my God really tried.

It is obvious from the transcript of evidence I saw that poor old
Rotan is getting pretty shaky. It is clear that he remembers certain things
& circumstances but his memory is like a blotter. He remembers certain
aspects or items only & not the whole event so much of his evidence is half
truths. Tupin (ex Lands Commissioner) whom I met here & who has had
to sit thru all the case (I ask the next one) says the Bonabaws including
old Rotan have - albeit probably designated King Government officers who have
come into with them - from former to the present day (plus you & I...!).
But he fears the Judge (now to visit O.P. has seen thru' this). Make

Lined up with Ulysses-Jones last week: he is now Lord Chancellor. Then, to meet me was a
joggers job, one Jimmy Barracough, quite young, one of the BBC's top TV documentary
producers who is going to make a documentary on the Bonelaw! She is going out to the
Pacific soon, knows all about "Professor Brande, who, of course, knows their full and
detailed history" !!! Thurstens: to visit Canberra! Watch out! Says in a letter
letter she wishes "informally to film an interview with (me)". Tell her I did not
know half as much as the Elderly Professor! (No, that's not strictly true!) But I
shall politely decline unless a fee of £10,000 is forthcoming. Anyway,
it's decent of her to give you forewarning.

See you in Canberra 6th - 9th November. So much to talk about
Love to Home
Living London 22nd October.

Yours Paddy