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My dear Ted,

I have been looking forward greatly to seeing you, and was on the point of writing when I had your note of 2nd April.

We shall be driving over with the Cornish's perhaps 6th May, and I believe arrangements have been made for our accommodation in spite of the crowded condition of your distinguished city, in the middle of which, I suppose, one can still drive for miles without seeing a house.

I very much want, while I am over here, to hear and see more of the rock magnetism evidence and indeed, generally of the geology of Australia. Are you in close touch with anyone, for example, in Adelaide?

During last winter I made four short visits to Newcastle to see Keith Runcorn's new department and the inevitable new building which is being erected to house it. I expect you knew most of them in Cambridge. What sort of department have you?

I should not mind at all giving a talk on smoking and lung cancer, though I expect I am becoming a target for a good deal of abuse from those who feel that only a malicious desire to increase the frequency of lung cancer could move me to doubt the wisdom of giving up smoking. Indeed, it was partly because I smelt a good deal of fanaticism in the congregations of Doll and Hill that I went out of my way to challenge their findings.

Sincerely yours,