

3rd January, 1959.

My dear Ted,

I certainly do intend to come to Australia, and expect to reach Sydney presumably about March 15-20th. I will be informing E.A. Cornish of the C.S.I.R.O. Division of Mathematical Statistics, located at Adelaide, as soon as I have actual dates.

It was nice to have your offprint, and indeed I do not think it is at all too early to start reconstructing those Palaeozoic continents. On the assumption that they were permanently agglutinated prior to the Permian, the relative position of parts now dispersed should be unambiguously reconstructed from the magnetic data.

I have lately been teasing the Medical Research Council for their rashness in drawing conclusions from rather simple frequencies in the matter of cancer and cigarettes. Another front of what is effectively the same war is represented by two papers I am sending you on probability - one a popular lecture given on the Michigan State campus, and the other (less diffuse) to a Pharmaceutical Congress in Brussels. The offprints on cigarettes tell their own story, and a certain amount of useful progress has been made, though it is still doubtful how far the Medical Research Council Unit in particular, and other cancer organizations

who have in some cases more or less committed themselves, will divert their research efforts towards exploring possibilities that they do not seem so far to have seriously considered.

Sincerely yours,

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