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Dear Jaeger,

I was glad to get your letter yesterday. I always enjoy discussions with Ted, though I do not know what the puzzle is this time.

As has happened before in the history of Science, a premature controversy, developed before decisive evidence was in sight, has left a hard crust of prejudice, which will need tact to remove.

I did my best at Cambridge, before any claim could be made that earth magnetism demonstrated continental movement, to point out that this question was going soon to be decided by the observable remanent magnetism. I think this helped, but, of course, Jeffries' influence was hopeless.

I propose to fly to Canberra on Wednesday, 26th October, arriving flight 496 and to return on Sunday morning, 30th, flight 425.

Can you get me put up at the National University?

Sincerely yours,

R.A. FISHER