

77 Arthur Circle, Forrest,
A.C.T. 2603, Australia,
19th October, 1976.

Dear Noel,

We were delighted to get your cordial letters as you travelled steadily east in search of your homeland, and especially to learn that the luggage occasioned no further trouble despite its rather unpredictable habits.

I wish you had rung Paddy at 1 a.m. because it would have benefitted his health no end: got rid of some of his torpor and superfluous fat caused by too indulgent living. We have had several letters from him recently but he appears to have concluded that you returned the way you came, so we have not disabused him.

Much has happened since you left. My niece Eryl arrived two days later, having fainted in the airport at Sydney on landing and been taken to hospital. Apparently she got ill at Calcutta and again at Bangkok (nasty brutish places) so she was put to bed and slept for 36 hours non-stop.

Her convalescence took a fortnight, after which she appeared in remarkably good form before leaving for New Zealand. And I was able to point out that the last column on the new immigration form is appropriately headed 'refugees and New Zealanders'.

So she was able to come to the festschrift dinner, which turned out to be a very happy and relaxed evening. Fortunately the organizers had decided to get the speeches over before dinner instead of after, and Professor Oskar Spate gave one of his witty and inimitable addresses in which, having described me as 'a veritable archipelago of versatility' he embarked on an alphabetical enumeration of the discreditable roles which I had played in a mis-spent life. I recollect 'expert witness' under 'E' and 'Lands Commissioner, lawyer, codifier of laws, and liberator from laws' under 'L'.

As you will remember I was preparing my reply and thanks when you were here, and after four drafts an approved version was typed; and this I learnt by heart till I could say it backwards as well as forwards. Once I knew it I could concentrate on the delivery, emphasis and pauses; and it seemed to go down with considerable hilarity and mirth.

There was a good crowd at the dinner and I can't see how they could have got any more into the room, with friends and colleagues flying from New Zealand, Adelaide, Geelong, Melbourne, Sydney and Newcastle; but to my surprise not one from Paraboradoo.

Since then I have been living in the midst of murder, rape and treachery, among my labour trade friends from Peru. And Honor has been getting the garden straight again after the invasion for the Y.W.C.A. Garden Sale, which netted \$600 in three hours. Unfortunately it never stops raining and is a good deal colder than in your time, with fresh snow to be seen on the hills round.

We hope that by now you have settled down comfortably into London life. Nigel Seed tells us that Judgement-day has been postponed until next month. Meanwhile the Fiji papers have discovered that the Banabans have squandered \$11 millions in a few years with nothing to show for it, and people are wondering how they do it. It won't take them long to get through anything given them by the Vice-Chancellor.

With all best wishes from us both,

Yours sincerely,

John

R.C.S — Have delivered
Miss Davis's
note.

28/ix/76

Dear Harry and Honor,

I write to tell you that the
luggage (and, a secondary consideration, myself) returned
safely to this country yesterday. I thoroughly enjoyed
San Francisco (as you may have gathered from my note
from there) — shortly after writing, I strayed into
Chinatown, to find that the word had gone out ~~that~~
that Art Chan's store was to be boycotted and a
picket mounted, and myself in the middle of the
demonstration, even (briefly and inadvertently) at the
head of a procession with banners deeply critical of Art
Chan (so I understood from the English version — the
Chinese characters were presumably in the same sense).
However, I extricated myself without offence to the
demonstrators (I was handed a valedictory broadsheet,
at which I bowed ceremoniously, which went down well)
or retribution from Art Chan's supporters (if any).
This will almost certainly not arrive

in time but Roy Price and Nigel Seed ask me to send their best wishes, particularly for the Festschrift - and, once more, I would like to add my own, with my thanks again for all your kindness to me in Canberra.

Yours sincerely,
Noel Ing

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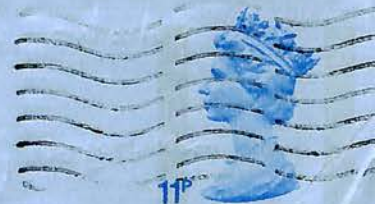
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No longer
in flight with
QANTAS 

‡ so far
* and it is still intact here ‡

San Francisco

September 25th 1976

Dear Harry and Honor,

You will, I trust, have received my letter from Sydney, so you will know I arrived there safely (and, most important, the luggage^x). I continued to have an agreeable time there, followed by a satisfactory flight here - including an hour, at about 1 a.m., in the transit lounge at Aadi. I naturally thought about P.D.M. but it seems best he should not know I was around - though it is not even as if, at so uncurled an hour, I could very well have telephoned. I also judged it best not to

go around the lounge shouting "Perish Baraba"
or "Ketan - Go Home" (though I believe some of the
more ordinary folk in Fiji might not have dissented).

However, it is my hope that, by writing
now, I may be in time to wish, for 1st October,
Many Happy Returns and every success for the
ceremonies and the address. I am confident
all will go very well and memorably (after all,
a veteran witness, who has emerged, from three
days of evidence and skilled cross-examination,
with his reputation if possible enhanced, should,
from the forensic point of view, regard the
present occasion as a bagatelle). I will
(subject to the time lag) be thinking of it.

All best wishes.

Yours sincerely, Noel Ing

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ELIZABETH BAY ROAD, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. 2011

20th September 1976

Dear Honor and Harry,

As you will have been on tenterhooks about this, I had better mention at the outset that, somehow, the luggage got to Sydney safely and is under my eye at this moment. (This afternoon, I chanced my arm and left it for a time in order to visit the Opera House and see the Bridge, but it was still here on my return.)

I am most grateful for all your kindness in connection with my visit to Canberra - not only all the trouble which you have taken over the weekend, but also the earlier encouraging correspondence

and suggestions. It has been a great pleasure to have been able to see so much of you during my visit and to visit your home several times (what a lovely place this is) and of course to have seen the city so thoroughly and sensitively under your aegis. I could not have had more congenial nor more knowledgeable guidance and regard myself as very fortunate.

Thank you also for having met me and, in turn, seen me off at the airport (I had no such privilege at Paraburdoo) - which, apart from providing an additional safeguard for the luggage, gives an extra warmth to the whole undertaking.

It was most interesting to hear about the Festschrift and, from what I heard of it, the speech in reply should be fully worthy of the occasion and most agreeable to those present - who will, I am sure, be numerous. It cannot be coincidental that 1st October is the official opening of the Michaelmas Law Sittings, inevitably a good omen for a veteran (and star) witness.

My best wishes for that event, and generally. It has been delightful to see you again and my thanks once more for all you have done.

Yours sincerely,
Noël Ing

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25th August 1976

Professor and Mrs H E Maude
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Dear Professor and Mrs Maude

Thank you very much for your letters of 16th and 17th August and your extremely warm welcome. It will be delightful to see you both again and a great pleasure to be shown around Canberra by you.

It is indeed kind of you to offer to meet me at the airport. As to this, please feel entirely free to see how you are placed on the day; I will certainly look out for you at the airport but, if you are not able to be there, I will contact you as soon as I have settled in. My flight booking (Friday 17th September) is on the 12.20 p.m. flight from Melbourne, scheduled to arrive at Canberra at 13.15. If this has to be altered for some reason, I will of course let you know. (I leave London on 2nd September.)

It would have been pleasant to have stayed at the Forest Lodge, as you suggest, but, for good or ill, my booking at the Lakeside International has now been confirmed (and, indeed, paid for).

Thank you for the cutting about the Windsor at Melbourne. I read, with some trepidation, that "those who are not of the beau monde may well feel ill at ease in the wood-panelled decorum of the Windsor." I have never considered myself to be of the beau monde; indeed, an uncle of mine was once told (and by his own brother, who was presumably in a position to know) "You're no Beau Brummell yourself". My prospects of easy acceptance, at the Windsor, therefore, do not seem too rosy. However, I understand that my BPC contacts in Melbourne are arranging a fairly full programme for me, so perhaps I can make myself scarce for most of the time.

I am pleased that you recommend Perth highly, as I shall be having a day or two there; in fact, a booking has been made for me at the Gateway Hotel, for convenience in connection with a tour which I am joining of the Perth region and also the Pilbara area (during the week commencing 6th September). It is disappointing, particularly in view of what you tell me about the Library, that I shall not be able to visit Adelaide - but, unfortunately, the die is now cast.

I am sorry that your so thoughtful advice about hotels was overtaken by events. Indeed, your whole approach is most forgiving, bearing in mind the less agreeable reasons for which I sought your presence in this country. I feel that the least I can do in return is offer to give evidence while in Canberra.

I have given Nigel the message about the House of Lords and he appreciated it.

My thanks again for your kindness - and I look forward to seeing you on 17th September.

All best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Neil Ing
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Professor H E Maude
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9th August 1976

Dear Professor Maude

To keep you informed about the arrangements for my visit to Australia, I now have a firm booking to arrive in Melbourne (from Perth - having left London on 2nd September) on Sunday 12th September - I shall be staying at the Windsor - and to go on to Canberra on the afternoon of Friday 17th. The Bank of New South Wales, who have the arrangements in hand, have booked me in at the Lakeside International.

I leave Canberra at midday on Monday 20th for Sydney - and from there (in honour of course of your American connections which you told me about in our evidentiary sessions) to San Francisco for 2 days and so home. It is quite likely that, a day or two later the Vice-Chancellor will give what may be quite an interesting judgment in a legal action (which you may have heard about back in Canberra) and I would quite like to look in to hear him if I have nothing important to occupy my time.

Nigel Seed (just back from an enjoyable holiday at Sant'Iago de Compostella - and now masterfully dealing with the task of weeding out 2½ tons of paper brought back from Court 16) would, I know, want to send his best wishes to Mrs Maude and yourself.

Please give mine too to Mrs Maude.

Yours sincerely

Nigel Ing
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