Dear Bob:

GREETINGS FROM AUSTRALIA

We landed Monday PM after a transpacific flight from Fiji (which was a fascinating place—two days not nearly long enough). The tourist cabin on the Qantas Constellation was full, so luckily we had first class seats for that leg. They would have been even more welcome for our night-time trips, which were a bit wearing. All the flights, including the trans-Pacifc Suva to Nandi, in a 7-passenger ‘Drover’ were quite smooth and uneventful, we did have a sympotomatically gentle ride for the passengers when that MAPS Stratocruiser shuffled 1000 miles across the Pacific to Hilo at half-speed on two engines.

We did get in a bit late, but were met by Phyllis Rountree and the Fulbright representative, Mr. McCaig, who helped us settle in at the hotel. Of course, the customs officers closed up shop promptly on time, so we had to make another trip to the airport yesterday to claim our unaccompanied baggage. The same night, Mr. McCaig had set up a dinner for some outgoing Fulbright exchange teachers, but I’m sure they already knew as much about America as we did about Australia. We were interested that most of the nates knew very vaguely about Wisconsin, as I would expect, and contrary to what Dr. Stamm had tried to imply about the geographic insight.

Yesterday, Jack Still, who heads Biochemistry here, took us on the Manly ferry and along the beach suburbs northward to Broken Bay and Palm Beach. I judge that Sydney is an attractive place to live near. We were to have gone some more sightseeing today with Phyllis Rountree, but yesterday’s clouds turned into pouring rain, so we chatted here at the hotel instead. It’s been about 50–55°F indoors and out; but it isn’t quite true that the houses are unheated. The hotel seems some hot air through for about an hour each morning. This isn’t bad, provided you’re running around, (which we aren’t). But the Sydneysiders just smirk and say “Wait till you get to Melbourne!” Everyone has been most hospitable to us, however, and Sydney’d be no worse a place to live than any other large city.

Just a word or two about the ms. I don’t know whether there’s time to send in any corrections, though they probably could be posted to Chicago. Perhaps you’ve already made some of these:

Page 1, 3d P. 91-LP1 to nine should be 99 better LP9.
Page 3, 5th P. Ac should be Ac?
Page 5: text line 4 makes no sense. Should it read... crosses 91LB3 or 91LP5 X 110-P3, P4, or P5 (acriflavine xhx
induced R cultures from Wy-110)?

I still have some uneasiness about having no direct mention of Lindegren’s note, or his help a priori techniques etc. I’ll leave it to you, but wonder if there isn’t room for another footnote (15), or a terminal sentence: We are indebted to Drs. .... for the provision of cultures related to this investigation. It was instigated in part by a suggestion of Fowell’s paper was kindly brought to our attention by P/L Lindegren.

We have been very lucky so far, and everything is going