12th January, 1959.

My dear Stoy,

It is immensely kind of you (and your family) to let me have these data, to which I have been looking forward rather eagerly. In case there is reason for delay later, I had better let you know my probable movements, i.e. that in the first week in March I shall fly first to the Indian Statistical Institute at Calcutta for perhaps a week, and then to the Section of Mathematical Statistics of the C.S.I.R.O. in the care of Alf Cornish at Adelaide.

It is on account of Cornish's work on Adelaide rainfall that I particularly wished to get at the Cape data, and what I do not do to it I am sure he will soon after my arrival. The fact is that he has thrown light from an altogether new angle on the curious situation first scented by Gilbert Walker when working on the Indian monsoon, for it appears that the median date of winter rainfall at Adelaide has been moving in a strangely systematic manner which might be said to have a periodic component of about 21 years.

I fancy your long record is from about the same latitude, but was desolated to find last night (though perhaps I should not have been) that you differ almost exactly 120° in longitude, and I had assumed that the difference would not be so nearly an exact sub-multiple of the circle. However, I do not suppose any real
ambiguity can occur, as probably shorter series can be dug out in New Zealand, or Perth, or even Valparaiso if they ever have rain there at all!

I have a lot of daughters, and according to age they like food, personal adornment, and even reading matter. Does she like adventure books?

Sincerely yours,

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