4th December, 1958.

Dear Dr Stoy,

I understand that the Cape Observatory during its long existence has accumulated rainfall records of exceptional length, and I am writing to enquire whether, and if so how, it would be possible to obtain the full daily data over this long period.

My reason for this enquiry arises out of the researches of Dr A. Cornish, who has analysed Adelaide data of about 120 years and found a remarkable quasi-periodicity affecting the date at which the winter rains fall.

As this is an unusual meteorological variable which has not been extensively studied, it will be on all grounds desirable that the reduction shall be done in the same Department and by the same methods as the Adelaide data.

The copying and the checking of the copies of such extensive data is, I realize, no light task, and I should be glad to hear from you if further funds are required to make this possible.

Sincerely yours,

Gonville and Caius College