7 December 1932.

Professor F.J.M. Stratton,
Gonville and Caius College,
CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Stratton,

I have seen Ballance, who is an extremely keen and enterprising photographer, who has exhibited cloud photographs at the Meteorological Society and the Royal Photographic Society. He wants to explore the possibilities of the craft (a) on planets (b) in geographical work.

I filled up his form without the least hesitation, and am returning it to you as you suggested. Have serious attempts been made, by infra-red work, e.g. to cut through the clouds on Venus? If you think there is a chance for such work, he would be delighted to be introduced to an observatory, if there is one in this country, where a good telescope would be occasionally free for planetary work. Also for an introduction to Hinks.

Yours sincerely,