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Saturday.

My dear Ron,

[mid. February 1951] JYD

As you know, I have been trying to establish my little Department of Research Genetics and I put up to the Nuffield Trust in London a proposition of work. They have now awarded me £10,000, spread over five years, for that side of it which deals with the evolutionary genetics and ecology of wild populations. I am also trying to get £4000, spread over a similar period, to support the mouse work and related physiological genetics. This application to the Nuffield Trust has

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decided to back, and is in direct
touch with the Agricultural Research
Council to support it. Consequently,
even at a time when all such sources
are tending to dry up (look at the
state of the Medical Research Council!!),
I think there are very strong hopes of
~~the~~ this further grant.

I know, my dear Ron,
how pleased you will be by this
news, modest though the scale is.
I do not know whether the Hatfield
Trust did actually write to you for
your opinion. But your great kindness
in saying you would give it if
necessary would unquestionably be a
great help, whether or not they actually
availed themselves of it. So the project,

Which was but a project when he talked of it - before Christmas, is at any rate promising till. I do thank you, my dear, for your acceptance and support now as ever in the past.

The other possibility I mentioned to you has also materialized, that of a journey to Australia. Just recently it has ~~developed~~ ^{developed} so rapidly that I myself hardly can keep up with it!

Two weeks ago UNESCO asked me to spend a few days in Cairo and a few in New Delhi. Also the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in New Zealand has asked me to go on there after Australia. With this possibility in

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mind the Australian Authorities in London,
Whom I saw last week, press me to
return the other way round.

So my journey over
will be Cairo, New Delhi, Singapore,
Darwin (tropical N.W. Australia), Then
down the almost unknown Australian
West-coast to Perth, and finally across
the Australian Continent to Sydney.
The journey back will be New Zealand,
Fiji (where I will stop some days),
Honolulu, San Francisco, and New
York.

There is a great deal I
want to discuss with you about this
now that it is being planned. If
it is possible to put you up I do
want you if you can spare the time
to come over to Oxford (either before

I do the Iron Age Excavations, which I told you, in Cornwall in Mid-March or after my return say early April. The latter might perhaps be the better as my housekeeper has been having influenza (which does not make things too easy) and seems as many elderly people to recover slowly while with the turn to, and injections and vaccinations!, things may not be too easy before the Cornwall effort.

So let me know if early April seems a possibility for you. I should so love to have you and talk over all these matters. And I long to hear how your work progresses.

Yours ever,
 Henry