

Dear Peter,

18 June

I sent off some more money to Chicago today. The rate has been slipping since our smart treasurer referred to Australia as a banana republic. There is to be an economic statement by Bob Hawke tomorrow which may or may not have an effect, but I thought it best to act ahead of it.

The balance of your account at call with Hambros was \$14,628.13 (including interest). The proceeds of your Fiat sale \$2000 were included making \$16,628.13. I also took the liberty of transferring \$5,000 of mine with the T.T. making a total of \$21,628.13 Aust, which converted to \$US. 14,909.15 at the rate used (68.95c). According to my arithmetic, my proportion in \$US. should be around \$US. 3,447.50, which should buy us an odd meal or two when we get there no matter what the dollar does.

There will be a further amount of \$A 16,506.41 to come to you from sales. I hold the certificates (apart from the last 500 BHP which you paid up recently) but urgently need signed transfers before the sales can be completed and the money cleared. I sent a number of transfers up a couple of weeks ago. Please let me know if they have gone astray.

So far we haven't sent an engagement present to Lois but intend to do so. The problems are firstly to know what she would like, and secondly to get it ~~to~~ to her without incurring import duty or creating other problems for her. Jenny scored a sewing machine, Ronie got some cutlery. I forget what Bronnie got apart from Graeme, but I am sure it was something she always wanted. Lois probably deserves a medal for bravery, but what else? There must be something she wants apart from you!

Mum is writing with a list of relics & their addresses, but as you may have guessed from the business tone, I am writing from the work-hour.

I hope that you are able to come down next month.

Love,  
Dad.