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Sun. 8.30 AM.

Dear Ake & Lois,

We have just got back from San & Alexis - a variation from our usual Sunday night. Jimmy, Bill & the kids are still in Tasmania, so we were able to accept the offer of a free meal at Endeavour Hill. We called on Graeme & Bronnie on the way.

S. & B. are still working on the inside of the house. Graeme is a bit of a perfectionist, and I guess he has plenty of time to get all the details fixed to his satisfaction. When he runs out of jobs inside, he will still have plenty to do sorting out the garden. I would probably have done it the other way around so that the shrubs & plants could get on with the business of growing whilst other things were being done, but I guess he will get there in the end.

D. & R. have new furniture being made both for the home & the office. His business is still expanding. He now has 1200 families = 4,000 patients, which is about all he can handle provided that they don't all get rich at the same time. As part of the re-furnishing a desk & a couple of chairs which we let him have when he started are coming back to us. They are to go in the end room. The billiard table from there is to go in the garage, so that it can be used. It is to occupy the space now being used by the Fiat. Frank Bruce Darling & he is coming around tomorrow night to have a look at it - the Fiat, not the billiard table.

We have had a cleaning weekend, getting rid of the pile of stones & other sundry excess bits. I lit the incinerator (the $\frac{1}{2}$ US gallon drum) on Saturday morning, and it was going most of the week-end. John Booth called over for the remaining two mudguards, so that most of the rubbish has now gone.

I mentioned on the 'phone that a Mr Sanson (580.3525) had 'phoned about the hangarage charges for the plane. I asked him to send a statement, which is enclosed. He didn't seem too worried, but I said that I would send the account on to you for attention. Apparently, the aviation side of their business has been sold to the people next to them. There is no problem about keeping the plane there, although I sound as if you may have a buyer. I sent the log-books by courier on Friday.

Hope that you both had a good break in Cairns - in fact you will still be there as I am writing this.

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We had a very happy holiday there a few years ago. We didn't find Cairns itself all that attractive, apart from the weather, but there are a lot of places to go from there. Green Island is not the best coral island but at least it does give some idea of the reefs, however I think the scenery we appreciated most was around the Antler Tableland.

For the sake of BHP's Amoco I hope you two get some work done over the next few weeks. It looks as if it might be a bit late for the present owners of BHP & the board. Unless John Elliott can come up with a better bid this week I expect Hobbs & Co. to get control - if he hasn't done so already. Incidentally I haven't sold yours yet just in case Elliott does enter the fray again, but will probably sell them in the coming weeks.

Mum has just about finished her 2 hour piano practice as I had been doing the same to this letter.

Love to you both.

Mum & Dad.