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Dear Mr Mc Carthy,

Today I discussed with Professor Jones the possibilities of proceeding to a higher degree. As far as the University is concerned no obstacles have yet been found. Professor Jones himself approves of the idea and recommends that my application to the Academic Registrar be lodged before the next meeting of the Ph. D. committee on 16th February.

Before making a formal application to the University I am writing to tell you of these intentions and to ask you whether you would approve of the course of study and research in which I hope to be engaged for the next two years.

At the outset I can say that, apart from a few hours spent in attending lectures each week (Linguistics and Anthropology), my work for the Institute will proceed in the same direction as previously. Classification of song styles will continue, field collection of songs and spoken song-texts will, if anything, be intensified and in the course of the next two years application will be made to the Institute for funds to issue a series of single discs - one at a time.

As the subject of my thesis will be the Interaction of Music and Language I shall continue to enlist the aid of qualified linguists and, almost immediately, shall apply for permission to visit Yuendumu while Dr Hale is there. Dr Hale has himself recently indicated to me that there is much scope for collaboration between linguist and ethnomusicologist, particularly in regard to Waljibri singing he has encountered. At the end of two years, and prior to the writing of the thesis, I hope to spend at least one semester at Indiana University.

The search is still going on for a suitable graduate assistant in the Ethnomusicology Section. And until the right person comes along I shall be obliged to continue with part-time, and occasionally full-time, typing assistance. There is still more work to be done on the monograph on Arnhem Land song-styles, which incidentally will be offered as a preliminary to the main thesis.

I should be grateful to receive an early reply from you on this matter.

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