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W.E. Harney,
Ranger
Ayer's Rock
Northern Territory

Dear Mr Harney,

Here, atlast, are the song titles of the recordings I made at Ayer's Rock last month with your kind help. You will notice an extra copy of each set. I would be grateful if you would return these copies with your corrections marked on them.

One or two blanks need filling in and I'm sure some of my versions of the place-names need altering.

John Thompson called in to see me only this afternoon so now I am able to tell you that he has agreed to use my tapes when the Ayer's Rock feature comes off and that I gave him a copy of the titles referring to the "Inside" chants (pages 1-2). He is leaving soon for Tonga, I believe, and has asked me to tell you that he will be contacting you soon about his visit to the Centre in September.

After leaving the Rock I was able to make some more recordings at the Bungalow. I started off by playing them a few of the "camp" chants sung by Winmardi, Minyinderri and Wingurri and these put the Bungalow boys really on their mettle!

In Adelaide, where I spent a few days, I played the Rock chants to Mr Strehlow and he found them very interesting.

I have told Professor Elkin about the tapes but so far have not been able to arrange a time for an audition.

ABC technicians who have already heard them agree that the "audio" quality is particularly good. I hope, in time, to arrange for the material to be put onto permanent disc.

At present I am busy making musical transcriptions and analyses of the chants. The next thing will be to get someone to transcribe the song-texts.

Please give my greetings to Winmardi, Minyinderri and Wingurri , I hope I will see them again some day.

I hope all is well with you. You are no doubt reaching the busiest part of the season.

Thankyou again for your very valuable assistance and here's to a very successful ABC feature.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,