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Dear Bob,

It was a pleasant surprise to hear from you again. We had not heard that you had returned from overseas.

I am interested in the possibility of assisting you in your forthcoming project on the goldfields.

I am sorry I cannot give a definite answer to your request for help. We have a Conference looming up in the Desert Area of our Mission. It was postponed owing to the delay of the Warburton Ranges truck in Perth. This has now returned to Leonora. We are now waiting to discover if the Conference will occur before or after the truck completes its next trip from the Ranges.

If I am still in Kalgoorlie....or even if I am at Mt.Margaret for the Conference, I should be able to see you when you come up. If I am not otherwise tied up by then, I will be happy to help you.

Would you be wanting me to accompany you to Mulga Queen? To Laverton? or to Cundeelee? I have mentioned the latter place because a number of your blood samples came from the "new" Cundeelee folk.

John is just recovering from the "mumps". Robert is back at school again after a bout of the same disease. Otherwise we are all fairly well.

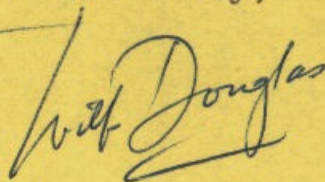
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John would appreciate having a little more EUPARAL and a few rubber corks. He is in his Junior year at High School so has little time for experimentation. However, during the holidays he will no doubt have his microscope out again. He has a few specimens to show you.

Of course, our main interest is in the result of your trip overseas. We are keen to know whether the Aborigines have really come to Australia through the Nilgiri Hills, etc. Lots of questions! I must wait until we see you.

By the way, if you have copies of your case names for which you want family histories, do you think I may be able to acquire some of the information for you from the locals before your arrival?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Will Douglas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left from the top of the first letter.