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Dear Dr. Davidson,

Your kind letter of the 13th of July has led me to do much thinking. However, taking all things into account, I feel that I cannot leave here before January 1969. If I were to do so I should be obliged to repay my own and my families air fares to Australia, and several hundreds of pounds expended on transporting our goods and on our accommodation here after our arrival. We could not afford this as we have already spent much of our savings in making the move. My great regret is that the opening at the Ross Institute could not have occurred earlier, as nothing would have pleased me more than to be appointed to its staff. In any case, thank you for thinking of me. I am afraid that when I spoke to you in London I had not thought out the full implications of an early move from Perth.

I recently received my papers from Rhodesia, including my note books. I think the following information is what you wanted: Tinonganine: A colony of Sp B was started with eggs sent to me by Clem Ramsdale. The females were caught in a trap net indoors on the nights of 5th to 7th May 1962. This identification was made by reciprocal crosses with stocks of spp. A & B. Sinyati Reserve North west of Gatooma, Rhodesia: One wild ♀ and a sample of larvae. The female from a hut. An outbreak of malaria was being investigated by the Ministry of Health. Crosses were to Sp A only. Magul, PEA: Identifications were all judged to be "B" on the basis of salinity tests and crosses to Sp A (23 Feb 1965). Muchengue, PEA: From cow net and pit shelter 14. April 1965. For some reason these were identified by morphological characters: egg length, palp ratio and coeloconic sensilla number. However on all three characters they were clearly A. merus.

[It has just dawned on me that you may have wanted the Sp. C identification from Tinonganine: if so please let me know].

10th Nov.
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I am still without a microscope and my laboratory is still in the process of modification (temp. controlled room being built, etc.) and so I have not done much except familiarize myself with the local mosquitoes. I think I shall probably have to switch to culicines. I shall keep you informed however.

After our all-too-brief meeting, it occurred to me that you might find a suitable test area for your sterile male experiment in Mauritius, if this is not too far for you. An island like L'Île d'Ambre could be used if you required a small area (it seems to have only merus on it) or the whole coastal area if you need a larger area.

Thank you again for thinking of offering the post to me; I appreciate it very much.

With my kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Paterson.

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