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My dear Spencer,

Anthropologists 'at home' have been eagerly awaiting news of your Expedition and but very meagre accounts in the newspapers have reached us. We heard with alarm that towards the end you were in straits and now we are rejoiced to find that you have returned safe to your own home -

I mentioned these facts at the last meeting of the Anthropological Institute and as President I was authorized to convey to you the hearty congratulations of your colleagues in England - on the completion of your arduous and dangerous enterprise.

I have heard from time to time from Wager that you have obtained good results - but this we all expected from you - and now we confidently look forward to the publication of a book that

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will rival your previous work. Your "Native Tribes of Central Australia" is reckoned by those whose opinion is worth having as being the best book of its kind about any people, and as Englishmen we are proud that you and Mr. Gillen have done such first class work in the field.

It will be a great pleasure to us to welcome you back to England and to hear about your experiences first hand.

Will you kindly forward the enclosed to Mr. Gillen as I have not his address.

My wife joins with me in sending kind regards to your brave wife, with whom we too rejoice in your home-coming.

Believe me, my dear Spencer, to be

Yours very faithfully

Alfred C. Haddon