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My dear Spencer -

I have been meaning for a long time to write to you - but somehow or other it has never come off - I never seemed to think fit at a convenient moment -

I am much looking forward to attending the Pan-Pacific Science Congress & to seeing once again old friends in Australia.

It would be very appropriate if the Universities of Melbourne & Sydney took the occasion of the Congress to establish sufficiently paid teaching appointments in Ethnology. Sincerely - you, with

Mich. Term - putnally Amstrong  
was just coming back from New  
Swain - but there were no funds  
available - he managed to get  
a temporary grant - but if there  
had been a lectureship, it would  
have continued automatically.

As you have done such magnificent  
work for Melbourne & as you have  
such fine Australian specimens in your  
Museum - it seems indicated that  
Melbourne University should specialise  
in Australian Zoology - and Sydney  
in Papua or Melanesian. More  
though work could be done by  
limitation of areas in this way -  
Naturally we could not expect

Your great influence in Melbourne  
ought to be able to get something  
done - I know you are Am's  
Reader in Zoology - but there is  
room for two of you! Honorary  
appointments are easier, as  
we found when Rivers died - He  
would not take a lectureship or  
a paid appointment as he felt  
it would tie him down too much.  
I he wanted to be able to get  
away whenever he felt inclined.

Well, he died just at the end of the  
Winter Term - when it was impossible  
to get anything done -

The lectures had to be given in the



Sydney, for example, never to do  
any Australian work - or not to  
describe & publish Australian specimens,  
but intensive field-work might very  
well with advantage be limited.

The Americans have practically  
taken over Polynesia & it may very  
well be left to them - but we ought  
to work Melanesia as far as we  
are able - especially since so much  
British work has been done there & the  
same applies to British New Guinea.

You may already have considered  
some such plan - I do not want to  
put it unnecessarily - but should  
like to help if I can -

With kind regards to Lady Spencer

Yrs. sincerely

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