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My dear Prof. Spencer

On my return from a 6 months
 sick-leave - spent collecting Muridae in
 S. America - I find 7 or 8 papers on
 Central Australian mammals awaiting
 me. - I am very glad to see you are
 going in for systematic work on
 Mammals, & congratulate you on your
 first essay in this direction. You

seem to have got together a
fine lot of centred things, + I
hope that now you have worked
them out, you may be able
to let us have some of the
duplicates in exchange. There
must be many things you want
which we could spare you, while
an authentically named set of your
species would be of the highest value
to us.

Should I ever be able to help

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you by comparing specimens with
Gardner's types I need hardly say
I shall be most pleased to do
so, or to give you any other
assistance in any way possible.

The *Muide* I see have
been worked out by Winters?
By Day, but I suppose to specimens
with 5 others, one at Melbourne.

Please let me know what
sort of things will be most useful
to you, + I will see what I

can do. - Do you care for S.
American Mammals? -

I was sorry to see so little
of you when you were in England.
I had hoped you were going to make
a regular study of our Australian
Mammal types, but if my memory
serves me rightly, you only came over
with our mutual friend Thomas. -

Believe me

Yours very truly
Oscar Rees Thomas. -