Mouala—
8th January

My Dear Spencer,

It has been slowly dawning upon me since Field's Memorial that failing rain it might be advisable to start from the Darwin end. Should it come well there are some advantages; one is that we should be out of the Territory most affected by heavy tropical rains—where country is sometimes impassable for months—before the next wet season comes round. Thanks.

Yrs trly,

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