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My dear Balfour,

I have just written to Mr. T. J. Gillen about some anthropological work of my own and his, which work you may have seen in the 'Journ. Exp. of Cent. Aust.' of which his contribution was published in his own name together with many notes given to Stirling—made the point. When the paper was over he asked me to go on working with him accordingly I did with the result that we have now got a pretty list of information—have I fancy written out one Aust. Hike
I hope your own work goes on well and that you are in better health.

Oxford is to me, a most depressing place to live in despite its great attractions. We get so accustomed to bright sunshine out here that we can scarcely do without it. I have recently had three months amongst the blacks, working with them mostly now, with a little study of elementary botanical lectures somewhat trying by way of a change. Can you tell me where on earth the Cent. Aust. native got his concentric circle ornamentation from. It pervades almost all his sacred objects just as the zig-zag line does that of West. Aust. natives. Don’t you think that a voyage to Aust. would do you a lot of good; if so I should be only too glad to see you and I write for as long as you like to stay you might combine it with a little ethnographical work.

Hoping you are well, believe me

Fanny (illegible)

Please pay my kind regards to Mr. (illegible) which shall come some time.

Maurice Spencer