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MORLEY'S HOTEL,  
TRAFALGAR SQUARE,  
LONDON. W. C.  
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My dear Frazer,

I was very glad  
to receive your letter this evening  
and hope that your cold is  
better. I have been obliged

to travel about a good deal since  
leaving England and am doing  
my best to shake off the worst  
cold that I have had for long.  
This is truly a charming climate.  
I had to hang about at Waterloo  
Station this morning awaiting the  
arrival of a train in the fog for two  
weary hours which has not improved  
matters. However I am very much

Looking forward to seeing you  
on Monday. As you know,  
Anthropology is a "side" subject  
with me - in fact I have been so  
busy with other things since last  
we met that I have done little in  
that direction beyond being I hope of  
some little help to a man named  
Malinowski who is doing the best  
work that I think has yet been done  
in Papua - he has made an intensive  
study of the natives of the Trobriand  
Islands and his work will interest you  
much when it is published.

River's "Melanesia" I have read but  
do not feel that I have got a real grip  
of it. There is rather too much theorizing  
on it to please me & one has a suspicion  
that he tends to argue in a circle. However we  
will talk matters over on Monday when it will  
be a great pleasure to see you. Yours very sincerely  
W. Baldwin Spencer.