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Dear Stephen

Thank you for your letter. Yes, do please send me all those books on rationalism when they appear: I would very much like to do a review essay on the question. I'll probably leave out the Eddy book here, since it seems to be a comparative study, but I'll watch out for it all the same. I'll look forward to receiving the others.

And, yes, I would also like to do the Heys and Walter, Intellectual movements. I am busy on the thesis, but I need an intellectual change of scene, and that sounds just the thing. (Also, having seen the ABR notice, it is a book I must read in any case.)

No immediate plans for a trip to Melbourne, but I expect to be down in about a month and will get in touch when I am in town.

Best wishes,

Rob Barry.

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Dear Mr. [Name],

I have just received your letter of the 10th and am pleased to hear that you are interested in the book.

The book is now in the hands of the publisher and I will be in touch with you again when it is ready to be sent.

I am sure you will find it very interesting and I hope you will enjoy reading it.

Yours faithfully,

Randal Heymanson

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Enclosed is a copy of the book for you.

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Dear Rob:

Good to hear from you, as ever. And thanks for the kind comments on Right Words, good for my morale, which sometimes slumps.

I'm delighted that you will review the Eddy book -- I haven't heard of it. I have made some enquiries as a result of your letter, and the following also are to appear:

Noel McLachlan: Waiting for the Revolution: A Short History of Australian Nationalism (Penguin, probably August).

Stephen Alomes (whom you mention): A Nation at Last? [title selected by Alomes from the DAQ], A&R, late July.

I'll see you get these when they come in, to review with the Eddy. Jog me when the Eddy book appears, in case I don't see it.

I hope Alomes writes better in his book than he does for me. He seems an awful academic fudger of the English language, one of the worst I know in no small field.

Yes, do let me know when you'll be down. I have been staying out of town, despite the pleasant room at the university I share with Geoff Serle. I find I too easily get exhausted, particularly in the heat. But the weather's getting better and I would particularly like to see you; even better if you'd care to come down for the night, or for lunch.

Good to hear about the progress on the thesis. I can't wait for the book.

Mine on Antarctica (Sitting on Penguins) appears, as I may have mentioned, in a couple of months.

All best

Stephen

I wanted and want to send you Head and Walter: Intellectual movements and Australian society to review (OUP), but dare not send it in the light of your letter. Ring me if you'd like it.

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Dear Stephen

Thank you for your letter. I did not know that you had been unwell, and I am very sorry that you have been, though glad to hear that you are recovering. Most of my Melbourne news comes from John Herouvin, but I have been so deeply immersed in writing my thesis over the past two months that I have had no communication with him (and not much with the world at large, come to think of it). I have done about five chapters now (all those which deal with Davison), so I am planning a little rest later this month and will spend a week or so in Melbourne. I hope I will find you in good health if I see you then.

I'm glad Penguin is bringing Right Words out in paperback. I will look through it over the next few days and see if I can send you any suggestions. My recollection is that I agreed warmly with most of it - though I felt you were letting the subjunctive slip without sufficient fight. Some of the little essays are delightful - for example, the one on Peking, which was very wise and sensible but still managed to amuse me no end. I am not doing any teaching this year, so I have little contact with the young, except socially, when I am so preoccupied with remembering to commit current solecisms myself (in order to fit in) that I don't have time to note down the malapropisms etc of others!

There are no books I can think of right now that I want to review. I feel I ought to review a book on colonial nationalism, edited by J J Eddy and somebody else, to be published soon by Allen and Unwin, and also Stephen Alomes' book on nationalism, which I understand is due some time this year. If either or both of those come your way I should be interested. As I have implied, however, my time at the moment is dedicated to my thesis, which I intend to have out of the road by the end of the year.

With best wishes,
And I hope I will see you when I am in town later this month,

Rob