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Southampton  
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Dear Tom,

How strange that I mixed up the years - I was quite sure that you were in the middle east surrounded by carpets, brass dishes, and revolutions. I thought it odd that I had not received a post card depicting native dancers or fields full of poppies.

I have done no dancing for some time. The course which I gave for schoolteachers proved quite a strain - to such an extent that my stomach is thoroughly upset. It is probably only nervous muscular spasms, but I am to have an x-ray next week to eliminate the possibility.

The work I was doing on convexity in generalised metric spaces has come to nothing and I am now following up the very interesting problems which I learned about at the Durham conference on Probability theory last Easter. I shall probably look at classification problems or information theory. I gather that your name

has been seen on a list of university news in the Times a few weeks back, but I could not find out what for. Is the story true or apocryphal?

I was delighted to hear that Jean is so many at last. I wish that I could say the same for myself.

A friend of mine wants to buy a kilt but is having difficulty in obtaining the material he would like. Can you tell me if the hard, light material which you get has a special name, and where you get it from?

Have gone in for Truvox in the end. They don't inspect very well in the factory so both my recorder and the separate deck have to go back for different reasons. You would not know they were not up to specification unless you put them on to a test bench - but I did. They are 4-track and 3 speeds  $1\frac{3}{8}$ ,  $3\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  - so I shall be able to transcribe from the Richard quite easily.



I'll be in Liverpool sometime in September,  
so I'll pick up the Skottland tapes then and  
play with them. I'm taking the Fichard to  
Greece, and have bought a Grampian  
micke to take to improve the recording quality.

Am just reading Alfords Sward Dance  
(aland on to tape for Fred Howe) and am  
not very convinced of <sup>by</sup> her arguments about  
mineworkers. I think that she has 'lived herself  
into the situation'.

Thank you for the exam papers. I  
have sets ready for you which I will send  
on.

Best wishes

Frank