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Dear Grote,

My humble apologies for the delay in answering your letter of 2nd February, but I have been in Brisbane for the past two weeks and only arrived back on Friday past.

I ordered your maps at National Mapping and asked them to forward the bill to Hobart.

I traced your cheque through the system, and found that it arrived in Canberra on January 5th. The Accountant showed me his receipt book - according to this a receipt was made out on January 6th and posted to Hobart, but I could not find anyone who knew what had happened to your statement. Your receipt number was 392911 of 6th January.

It appears that there have been a number of complaints recently about our Accounts Section failing to send out receipts; so I would not be surprised if your receipt was consigned to the waste-basket, instead of to Hobart.

I hope that none of your equipment was damaged during the recent fires. It seemed incredible that so many houses should have burned ~~in~~ in the inner city. It is to be hoped that the Tasmanian Government does something about policing the "No Fires" ban in summer, instead of allowing half-witted local councillors to waive regulations at will.

From enquiries amongst old-time residents of northern Australia it appears that it may be possible to find the type of billock you want in the Katherine area of the Northern

Territory and near the Ord River Irrigation Area in the East Kimberleys area of Western Australia. Both these areas can be reached at all times of the year and are close to airfields serviced by regular flights.

Don't forget to let us know if you will be passing through Canberra on your way back to the States. If we don't see you before you go both Rosemary and I wish you a very happy holiday back home, and hope to see you again on your return to Australia.

Best wishes from all at  
Jansz Crescent.

Regards  
Ken