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APPENDIX

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METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE,
AIR MINISTRY,
ADASTRAL HOUSE,
KINGSWAY,
LONDON, W.C.2.

1st June, 1937.

Dear Mr. Wiseman,

With regard to your letter dated 31st May, 1937, in which you ask my opinion on the value of meteorological stations on the Antarctic continent, may I refer you to the papers which were forwarded to the Colonial Office under cover of Air Ministry letter dated 4th April, 1936 (Colonial Office reference 87511/1/36). You will there find a memorandum by me on the subject, from which you will see that I consider that one or two permanent meteorological stations on the Antarctic continent would be very valuable in the investigation of long range or seasonal weather forecasts.

I still hold the same opinion and I really have nothing to add to what I wrote in 1935 except to stress that long range forecasts cannot be made for any country, no matter what its size, by observations taken in that country alone. The weather of Australia and South Africa depends on the movement and condition of the atmosphere as a whole and it is only by studying the conditions outside their own country that they can expect to solve their weather problems.

This is well realised in practically all countries and a great deal of money is being spent on taking

observations

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