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Dr. R. G. Nicholls,
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Sydney, N.S.W. 2001, Australia.

Dear Dick:

I am finally able to write you regarding your letter concerning Professor Neville W. Shackleton.

As you may now know through a letter I wrote to Mr. Preston on another subject, we, in the laboratory, could not recall having ever heard of the name Shackleton or of the monograph to which you referred. Further enquiries within our own company and in our libraries did not turn up any reference to either his name or to the monograph.

I am sure you will remember Vic Runeckles who worked for us for a number of years and who left about three years ago to become head of the Division of Plant Sciences at the University of British Columbia. I called him to enquire if he knew of such a person, but as he did not he offered to check staff lists, addresses, telephone directories etc. and let me know. He has now called back to say that he has been unable to find any reference to such a name or even to such a department within the University of British Columbia, so I am afraid that we have drawn a blank, and it would appear that your suspicion has been well founded.

One wonders why he has not used University of British Columbia letterhead stationery, particularly since one would think that the University of British Columbia research monograph could be quite official business. I presume that you have been corresponding with each other through the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney and that you have never had occasion to address a letter to him at the University of British Columbia which is in Vancouver, British Columbia.

If there is anything further you wish us to do, please do not hesitate to let us know. Should you find out anything more about the professor or

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the monograph we would appreciate, if it is in order, being kept informed in the event he should also approach us.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

R. S. Wade,
MANAGER,
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cc: S. J. Green
RSW/gs

p.s. I also checked out the city of Vancouver telephone directory and the name of Shackleton did not appear at all.

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