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The Chief Protector of Aborigines,  
Aborigines Department,  
P E R T H.

Sir,

I have the honour, by direction of the Trustees, to state that at their meeting on Monday last it was decided to submit the following proposal to the Minister controlling your Department, namely:-

"That all ethnological objects received or collected by the officers of the Aborigines Dept., be handed to the Museum, and, that the Trustees, in return, undertake to supply out of duplicates such small or typical collections as may be required by the Aborigines Department, from time to time, to satisfy enquiries from abroad".

The proposal arose, I understand, out of a conversation between Mr. Glauert of the Museum and yourself with regard to the best means of preserving ethnological specimens, and it was felt that if arrangements could be made in the direction mentioned above, it would ensure the proper care and keeping of specimens, and, at the same time, provide for any donations which your Department may from time to time be asked to make.

The Trustees will be glad if you will place this proposal before your Minister for his consideration, and they hope that, in the interests of ethnological science, he will be able to see his way to approve.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



GENERAL SECRETARY.