

Rebecca: Look after this for me, please?
I've too much paper to carry about. Dad 28.07.80.

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LORD MAYOR'S ROOM

Mr. George Clarke,
United Nations Centre for
Regional Development,
NAGOYA, Japan

28th February, 1980

Dear George,

Thank you very much for your picture card which arrived yesterday. It so happened that today I had a Call from the Consul-General for Japan and showed him the card.

A few weeks' ago I suggested a programme which I have called "The Greening of Adelaide" which embraces a street tree planting programme throughout the City and metropolitan area. The proposal includes planting of trees in places like Currie and Grenfell Streets into the soil, and therefore having no regard to the regulations which previously prevented any decent sized tree planting. I am hoping that the regulations will be scrubbed in the very near future. The tree planting programme is planned to be photographed and the progress recorded on an annual basis, so that the trees would be a significant size by the Sesqui Centennial of South Australia by 1986.

You may be interested to know also, that I have changed my mind about the Meeting Hall at the rear of the Colonel Light Centre, and have got Council to agree that it should be retained and restored, and used for public meetings where the numbers are greater than can be accommodated in the Colonel Light Room, and less than would be in the Town Hall. The cost of doing the restoration is very much less than we previously thought, partly because the air conditioning will be provided from surplus plant capacity, which has now become apparent in the energy saving Colonel Light Centre.

There are a number of other exciting things which have been happening. Not the least of which has been the removal of Alderman Chappel from all Council Committees for a period of 3 months, for a transgression of Standing Orders. Alderman Curtis has tendered his resignation. So Adelaide is not a complete sleepy hollow!

I have sent you a copy of the printed PACOM proceedings by separate mail. Thank you again for the Paper which you gave. We did our best in editing.

If you find time, write to me and tell me what you are learning, or what you are teaching others.

Yours sincerely,

J. V. S. BOWEN
The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor