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Dear Mr Racey,

I see your letter to me of April 16th., remains to be answered - I am indeed sorry for this long delay. Work of one sort and another is responsible including the final stages of the Birds of Kent, now however finalised and due out in a few weeks time.

Since I last wrote to you we have been fortunate enough to acquire a gun in a new marsh shoot, actually a better marsh than the one we have had access to in the past few seasons - it is better especially for waders so we are hoping for some satisfying specimens. It is also a good duck marsh and is somewhat further out in the estuary (Medway). There is quite a lot of zosteras coming on the flats so possibly we may meet with the odd Brent Goose etc.

I have been wondering how life is with you, I trust that all goes well and that I shall get news of you before long. I have been looking back over your letters to see how the desiderata position stands now. The last letter containing a list is that of February 5th, I do'nt know whether this has been modified at all by recent acquisitions, perhaps you would let me know. I fancy I have let you have most that I can spare, particularly of recently taken specimens, but I may have not so recent examples of some of the others.

David is at present serving his time on National Service as a Medical Officer in the R.A.F., and ~~tax~~ at this moment is sitting in an oasis in the mountains of Trucial Oman; needless to say he is waylaying mammals and some birds for us.

We are having a Family event this day week when Jeffery gets married; his Fiancee, Dr Pamela Carter Braine ~~will~~ all the games he does, and regularly does the morning / plays / duck flight etc.

I do'nt think that there is any further news for the time being. Drop me a line as soon as you feel disposed,

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,