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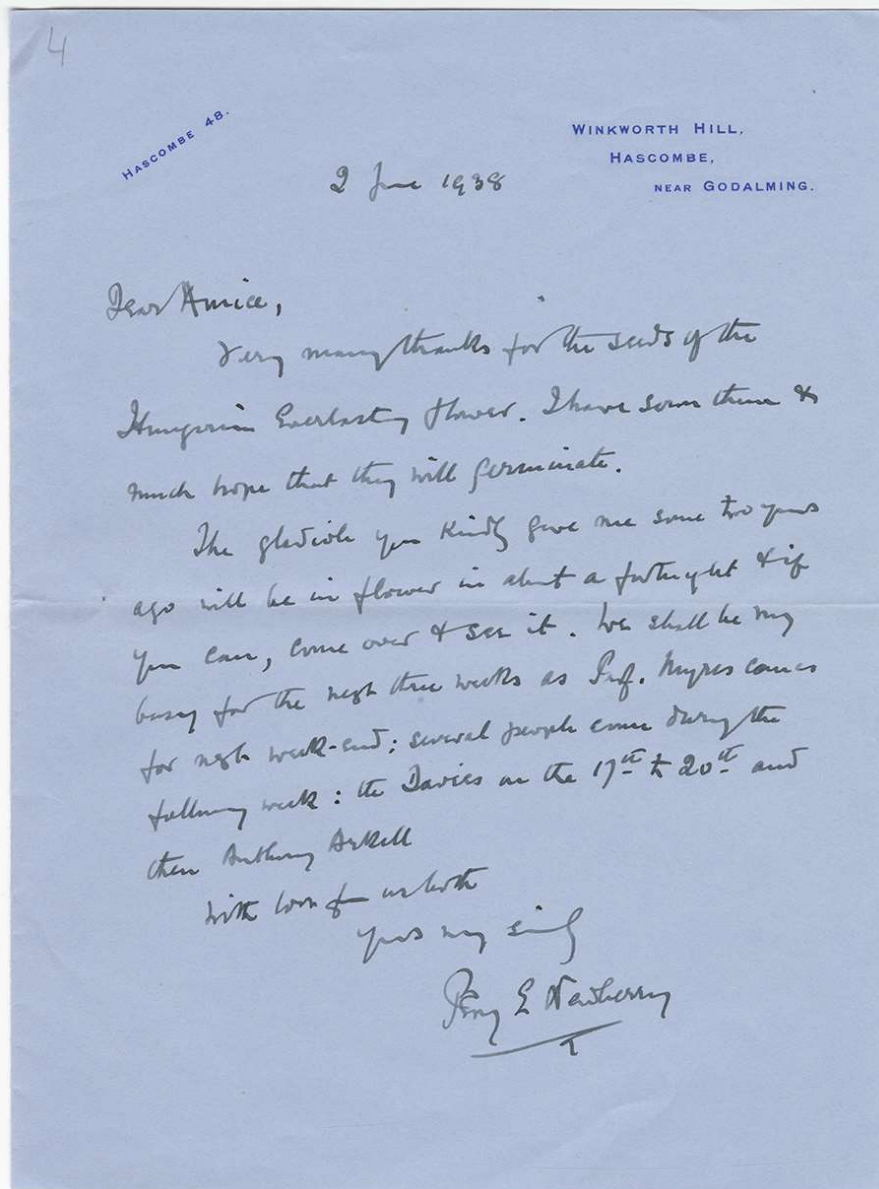
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HASCOMBE 48.

WINKWORTH HILL,  
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The gladioli you kindly gave me some two years ago will be in flower in about a fortnight & if you can, come over & see it. We shall be very busy for the next three weeks as Prof. Myres<sup>sic</sup> {Myers} comes for next week-end; several people come during the following week: the Davies on the 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> and then Anthony Arkell

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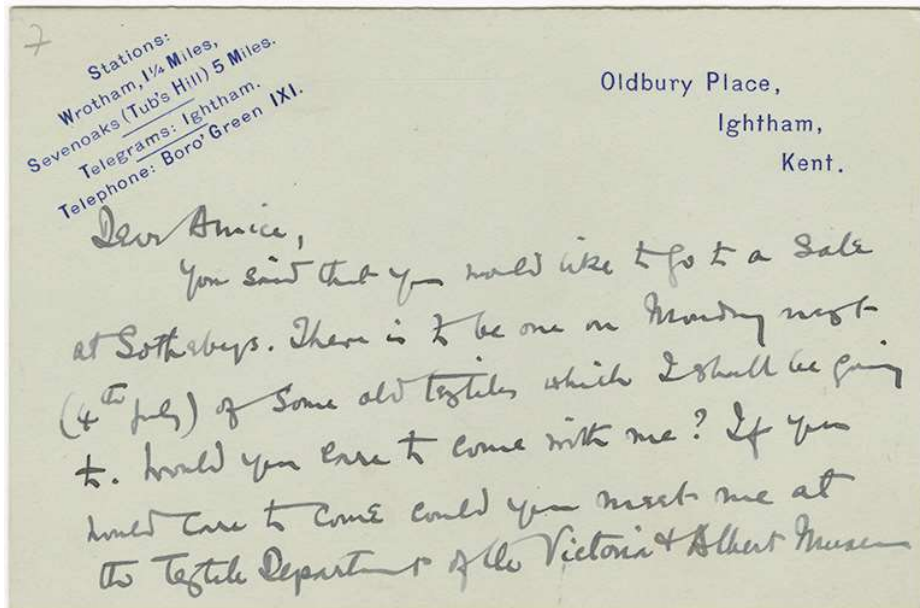
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Wrotham, 1 1/4 Miles,  
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Oldbury Place,  
Ightham,  
Kent.

Dear Amice,

You said that you would like to go to a Sale at Sothebys. There is to be one on Monday night (4<sup>th</sup> July) of some old textiles which I shall be going to. Would you care to come with me? If you would care to come could you meet me at the Textile Department of the Victoria & Albert Museum

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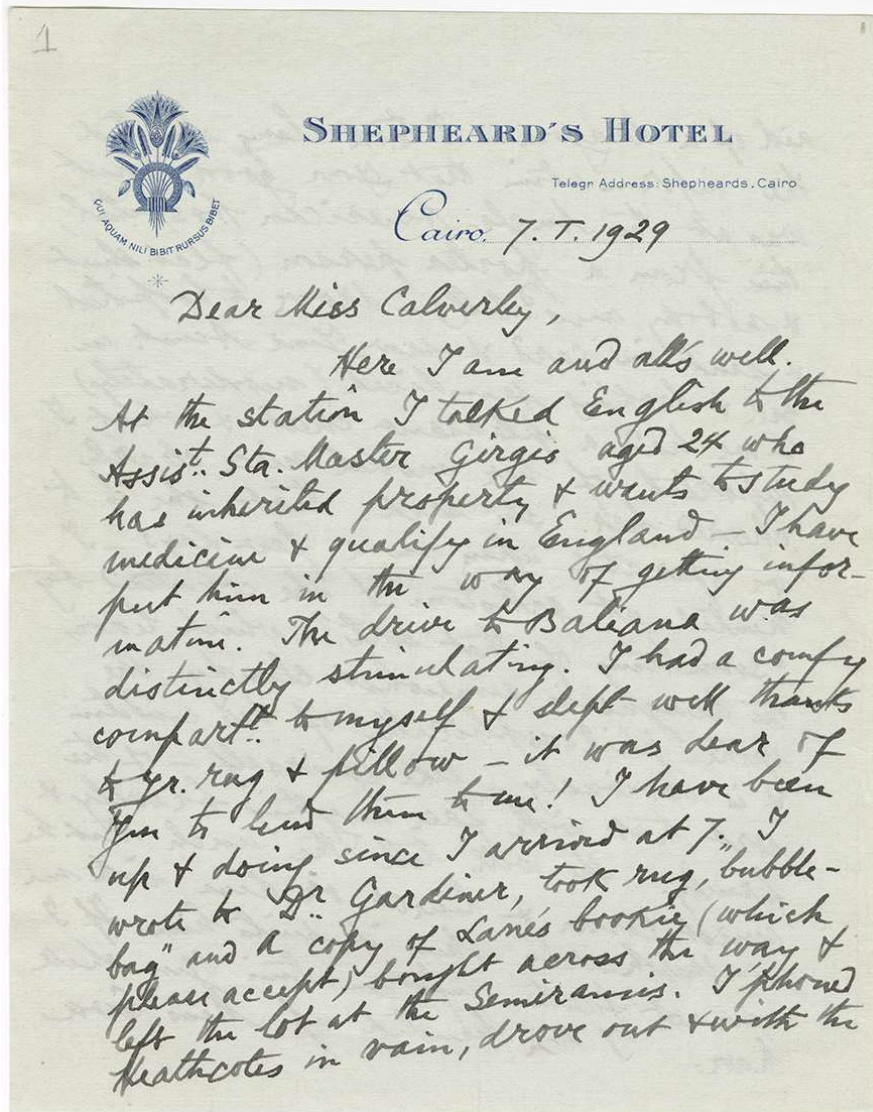
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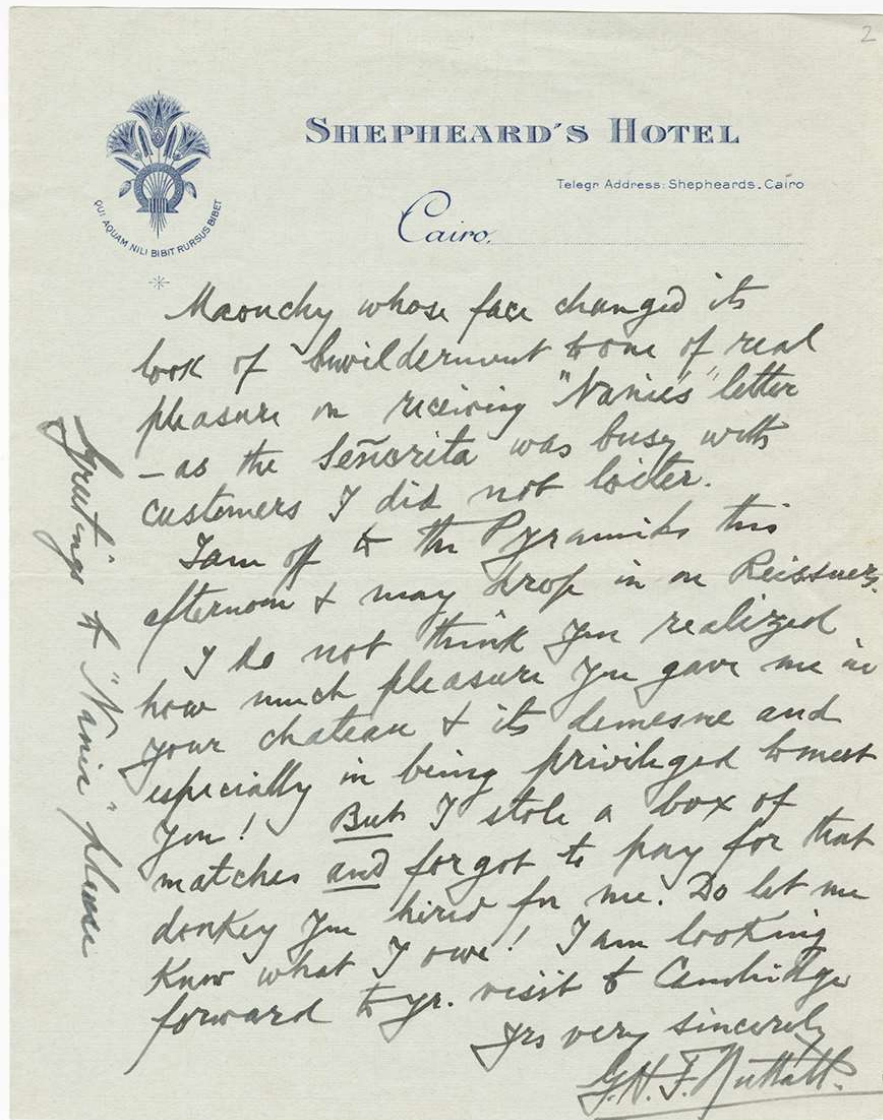
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At the station I talked English to the Assist. Sta. Master Girgis aged 24 who has inherited property & wants to study medicine & qualify in England - I have put him in the way of getting information. The drive to Baliana was distinctly stimulating. I had a comfy compart<sup>t</sup> to myself & slept well thanks to yr. rug & pillow - it was dear of you to lend them to me! I have been up & doing since I arrived at 7. I wrote to Dr Gardiner, took rug, "bubble-bag" and a copy of Lane's bookie (which please accept) bought across the way & left the lot at the Semiramis. I phoned Heathcotes in vain, drove out & with the

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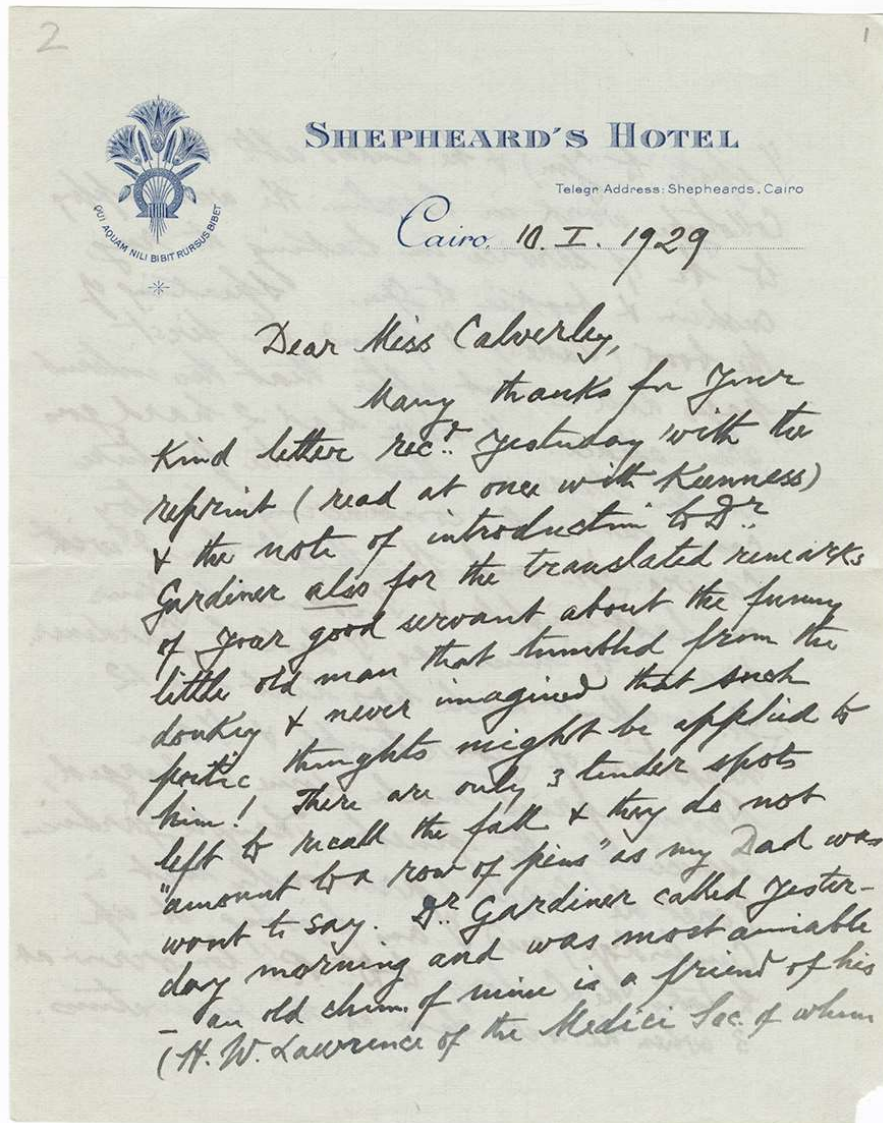
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I am off to the pyramids this afternoon & may drop in on Reisner.

I do not think you realized how much pleasure you gave me in your chateau & its demesne and especially in being privileged to meet you! But I stole a box of matches and forgot to pay for that donkey you hired for me. Do let me know what I owe! I am looking forward to yr. visit to Cambridge

Yrs very sincerely  
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<Greetings to "Nanie" please>



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Cairo, 10.I.1929

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Many thanks for your kind letter rec<sup>d</sup> yesterday with the reprint (read at once with keenness) & the note of introduction to D<sup>r</sup> Gardiner also for the translated remarks of your good servant about the funny little old man that tumbled from the donkey & never imagined that such poetic thoughts might be applied to him! There are only 3 tender spots left to recall the fall & they do not "amount to a row of peas" as my Dad was wont to say. D<sup>r</sup> Gardiner called yesterday morning and was most amiable – an old chum of mine is a friend of his (H.W. Lawrence of the Medici Soc. of whom



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Longfield,  
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Sunday 3.II.1929

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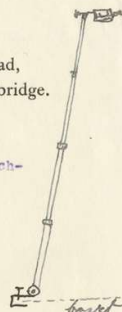
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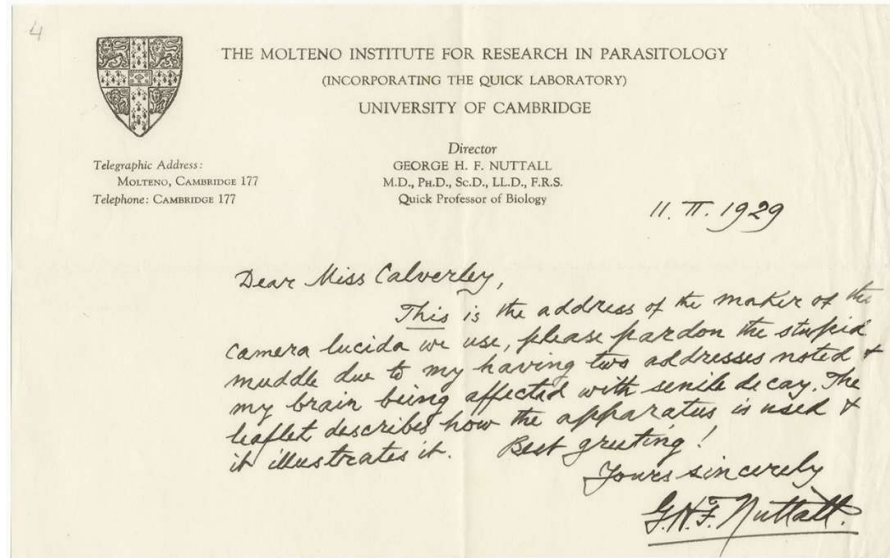
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## LETTER 4



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Dear Miss Calverley,

This is the address of the maker of the camera lucida we use, please pardon the stupid muddle due to my having two addresses noted & my brain being afflicted with senile decay. The leaflet describes how the apparatus is used & it illustrates it. Best greeting!

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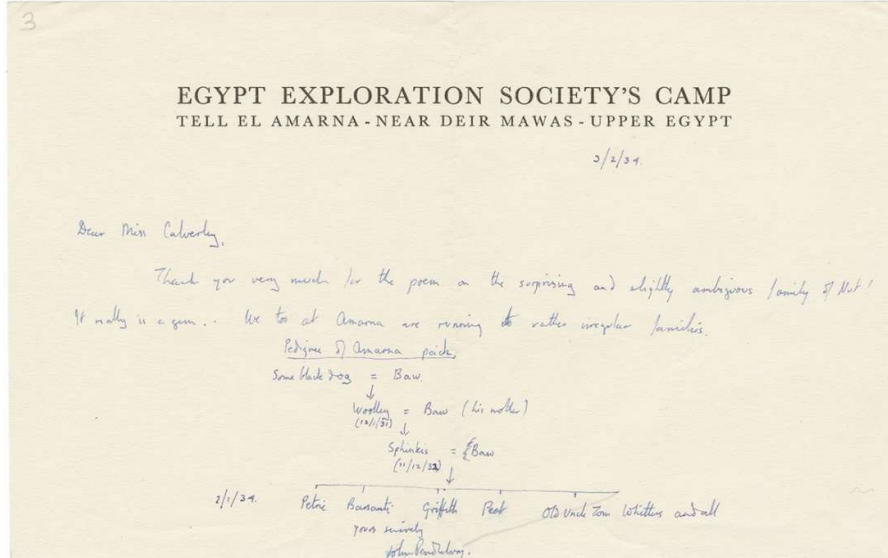
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Thank you very much for the poem on the surprising and slightly ambiguous family of Nut!  
It really is a gem. We too at Amara are running to rather irregular families.

Pedigree of Amarna pack

Some black dog = Baw

↓  
Woolley = Baw (his mother)  
(12/1/31) ↓  
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(11/12/32) ↓

2/1/34 | Petrie | Basanti | Griffith | Peet | Old Uncle Tom Whitters and all

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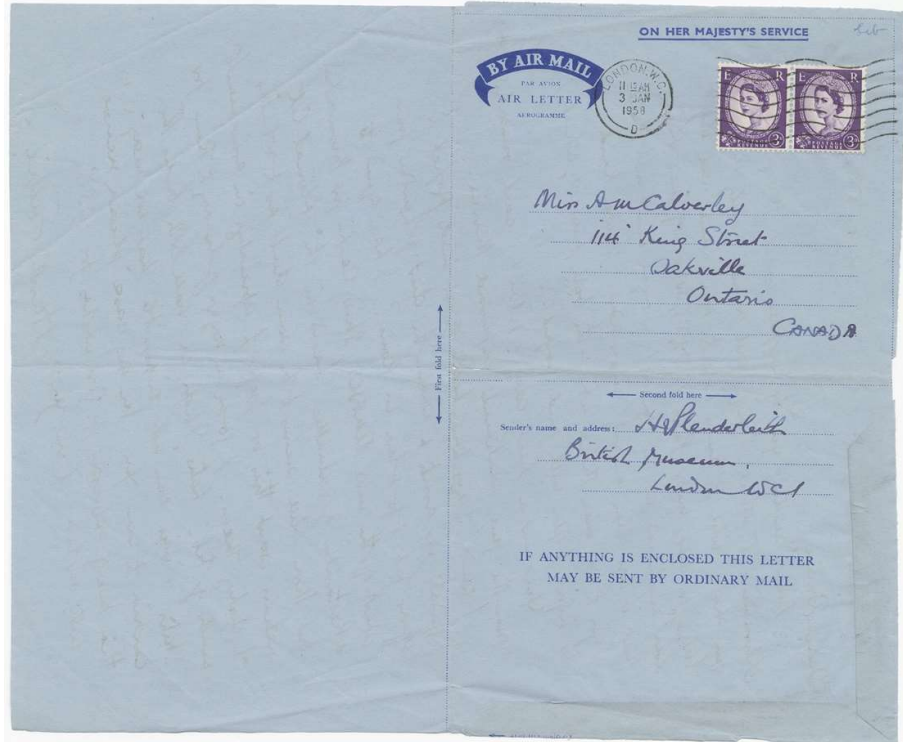
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I wonder if you have heard of our mad project to liquidate our assets & shake the dust of London from off our feet & go & live in Rome? I have agreed to start off the new UNESCO Study Centre for Preservation & Restoration of Valuables based in the Eternal City but there still seems to be some doubt as to whether nations want this or prefer to specialize in armaments to destroy them. I go on a voyage of discovery to Rome for month of Feb. Later I hope we shall both be in the States & it is even not impossible that we may contrive to see you. In any case 'please receive' this hearty of expression of good wishes for 1958 with our love.

Ever yours  
Harold & Tillie.



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