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Sir Ian Thomson  
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Dear Sir Ian:

Thank you very much for your letter of 19 September, providing the names and addresses of Sir Harry Luke's sons. I've written to both, and though I've heard back from neither, I'm hopeful that we can find them, and that one or both will have some idea what has become of their father's papers.

We're also trying to track John Eric Pery-Johnston, also thus far to no avail, and are getting in touch with the Ministry of Information in Suva about the photographs. I very much appreciate your information and assistance.

Now I have another question. One of my colleagues has been in touch with Ron Gatty, the son of the aviator and entrepreneur Harold Gatty. According to the WPHC files, Sir Harry consulted with Harold Gatty about the sextant box that the Nikumaroro colonists found with the bones we're seeking. The younger Mr. Gatty says he recalls visits to their home in Auckland by yourself in Sir Harry's company. I'm wondering if by any chance you recall any such visits, and if so, any conversation about the sextant box and its possible association with Amelia Earhart? I realize that it's unlikely you'd recall such an obscure event, but we're trying to leave no stone unturned.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely yours,