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My dear Ponie,
 of course I shall be delighted to help in
 any way I can; certainly quote me as referee -
 incidentally, I should fancy that your chances
 are increased by the fact that Durham is high
 to emphasise Middle Eastern archaeology, or that
 your experience should be useful then too. I
 am sure that you should learn a great deal - do
 sympathise with the reasons you give. Good
 luck to you!

You awe me with the project of the Races
 of the World! it's a vast theme and, I imagine,
 not without disputes; you have courage to attempt
 it & I do hope that you'll make a success of
 it. As it's meant for students, don't try to simplify
 too much, but, on the other hand, keep the more
 controversial points for appendices at the end of
 the book - at least, that system does seem to
 make for easier reading because it doesn't obscure
 the view of the world by too distinctive lines. My
 own more modest attempt at present is to write
 the story of the whole 12 years' work at Ur, to

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take the place of On the Chaldee which deals with
seven years only: but this will be a book for the
general public, & in the mean time the cut part of
the official volumes progresses. I have just now
collected the material for vol. VII, to be revised: whether
or not I shall call on your aid in dealing with
it I don't yet know, but I shan't hesitate to do so
if need be.

Yes, I thought that the Iraq article in
the pamphlet paper was inopportune, as Alchana
is in the press - incidentally no statements made
already were misguided rather fatally. I did write
to Miss Williams on that point, but did not
argue the case as a whole; telling her merely to
wait for the details to come out.
Should your 'day off' of wanderings bring
you - either of you or both - in this direction

do let me know & pay me a visit: I'd
be delighted. In the mean time all good
wishes to you & the family

Yours

Leonard Woolley