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Dear Brice.

I am sorry to have been so long answering your letter of 4 June. I am very glad to have a copy for Bodley of the pamphlet on the 500th meeting of the O.U. Anthropological Society. We certainly did not have one at the time and it contains some interesting history. About my Father's autobiography I have hoped that one day I may have time to do some work on it with a view to partial publication. Unfortunately it was nearly all written when he was too blind to check any facts from written sources and his memory very often let him down on points of detail and even people's names and dates and the order of events. I have had some chapters checked by near contemporaries (e.g. the Liverpool chapter by Ormrod) and it would be a most laborious business to get it straight. However I have got all of it typed out now (some of it was extremely difficult to read) and some tidying up has been done.

Thank you for the further points about S.M. III. The case for reconsideration is a strong one and I think it

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is possible that Wheeler may take it back to the Antiquaries Council in October. At any rate it would be as well to have ~~the~~ a considered plan ready for modified publication by then. I think Wheeler will not need much convincing that complete abandonment was a mistake, but will need facts and figures to show (if you want to show) that the essentials went go into an Archaeologia article. Perhaps you will let me know before the October Council meeting what you think about this, for if Wheeler does not bring it up again from the Chair, I am quite prepared to raise it on the minutes. I have been in touch with him about it, and he is certainly very unhappy about the present position.

I expect you have had the paper about the proposed Myers Memorial Lecture. If you have any ideas for stimulating the response to that, do let John Bradford know. He has worked most energetically to get it going, but there is a lot of money still to raise if the plan is to come off as its sponsors hoped.

Yours sincerely M. Myers