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AIRMAIL

Mr. J.E. Johnson
Mineral Department
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Dear Jim,

Through John McAndrew I have just received the parcel of South Australian minerals that you assembled for me. They are most interesting and useful additions to the mineral collection - the bermanite is a particularly fine specimen. The mineral marked almandine(?) on the albite-tripelite specimen is certainly a garnet, but in view of the association is almost certainly spessartine.

Oliver Chalmers, Ed Henderson, and I recently published a monograph on australites, describing our work over the past several years. You should be receiving a copy from Oliver very shortly. I'm still interested in australite distribution, and am thinking of making a trip through north-eastern South Australia around July-August 1977.

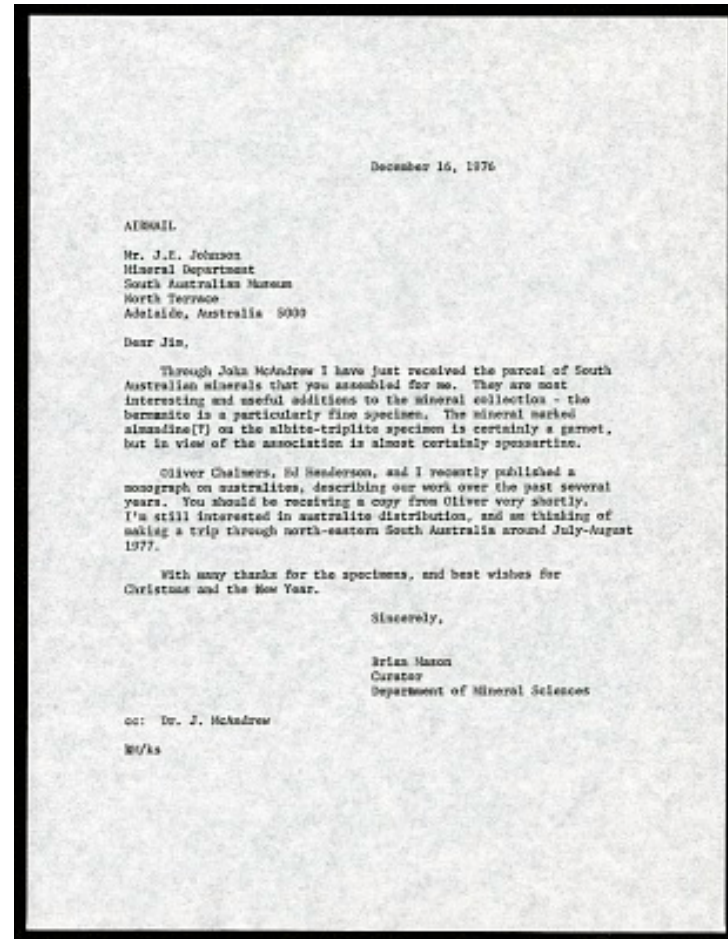
With many thanks for the specimens, and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

Brian Mason
Curator
Department of Mineral Sciences

cc: Dr. J. McAndrew

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