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MB Williams, Port Stanley, to WF Lothian, 7 September [1970]

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My kindest regards to both [Mrs.?] Lothian & yourself, and I shall look forward to your next instalment.

M.B.W.