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Professor R. A. Fisher, F.R.S.,
The Galton Laboratory,
Rothamsted Experimental Station,
Harpenden,
Herts.

My dear Fisher,

1. Thanks for your letter.

I was a little afraid that Herdan's work would be of this nature. It is very difficult to get scientific method into a philosopher's head. It is possible that some of his other work is worth consideration from a purely philosophical standpoint, but for that I must rely on Moore's judgment.

2. On another matter: I have just had a card from Southern saying that he is finding great difficulty in getting his data on Ringed Guillemots analysed for heterogeneity.

You will remember I brought you some of my own results on the subject last year and you very kindly helped me with them.

If Southern were able to get over to Rothamsted, would it not be possible to put someone on to help him? - If he had all the data ready, I should imagine it could all be done in an afternoon; and I think you will agree that the work is really of considerable interest and importance. One must have somebody with access to proper calculating machines, as well as knowledge of the methods, otherwise I would have suggested his applying to Reeve - but he will not have the machines available.

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I am sending you a couple of reprints: one of them being the first chapter in "THE NEW SYSTEMATICS", which I hope you will be interested in.

Ever yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julian Huxley". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.