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My dear Huxley,

It was exceedingly kind of you to speak for me at the Population Discussion and I am glad you brought in something about Family Allowances. I was much disappointed in the newspaper accounts of the meeting, which were obviously written up only from the material submitted in advance. Neither "The Observer" nor "The Times" mentioned your second speech and "The Times" had a fatuous introduction by someone who had not even read their own summary, for he asserted that the feature of the discussion was the firm conviction of the danger of over-population or something to that effect. Whereas the summary following showed the first three speakers expressing the exactly opposite opinion.

I have had, however, an amusing account from Ford which he had from Baker telling me of MacBride's attack and of Baker's interruption. Ford writes with great indignation against MacBride but I half suspect he is doing me more good than harm.

I ought to tell you, that struck by some essays of his, I recently wrote and introduced myself to your brother, Alduous, and had an extremely kind and interesting reply. He is interested in my views about civilisation which excites and delights me greatly, for as I had half realised before, he is quite exceptionally gifted in the power of assessing dispassionately the quality of human faculties.

I am looking forward greatly to meeting him sometime when I am able to get about.

Yours sincerely,

R.A. FISHER.