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Dear Prof. Balmukand,

I have been meaning to write for some time to you about the fertility data, of which you were good enough to send me two sample villages. As you anticipated the interpretation of the data is a matter of great difficulty, which is centred in the grading by wealth. You will understand my difficulty best by comparing your sheet for the larger village with my sheet of derived data. For 53 men, excluding those not resident husbandmen, I have put down (i) Area of holding or fraction of holding, deducting any portion mortgaged, (ii) Age, (iii) number of children. The weak point is (iv) for I suspect that the figures in this column are not very highly correlated with economic standing.

Would it be possible, in any villages such as these two, to grade the inhabitants aged 20-60 in three classes as Prosperous, Embarrassed, Very poor, so that I could see if the size of holding would be at all satisfactory for a

larger enquiry, and also repeat my calculations on this new classification. I suppose the economic circumstances are really very well known, to local people, though it would be perhaps impossible to use this method in an official enquiry.

With all good wishes,  
Yours sincerely,

I saw Wilsdon the other day, and he says he is doing his best to give you a chance with plot design, but I do not know if there is anything in this.

R.A.F.