Dear Fisher,

Very many thanks for your letter and for settling my paper on Skatebeak. I am very much pleased you thought it good as I took a great deal of trouble over it. I took your advice as to putting in a table of means in cells with the mean of each sample in each cell. Also, I'm afraid it's impossible to make this sort of thing light reading. I note you are interested in the question whether distribution...
of vertebral number changes with age. I am also and will bear in mind for future research.
I have reconsidered the matter of the hydrographical data and now think that the best thing would be to fit a straight line to all the observations in each year. How this eliminate everything that cannot be harmonic in a yearly period or submultiple of it? Only there can be considered as "moistly effect". What do you think? To the deviations one would fit the best fitting
simple harmonics (unless a subharmonics consistently appeared in each year), and the remainder would be residual deviation.

Thankyou for your note on distribution of vector components. I suppose in comparing two sets of vectors together for testing significance of difference of means one could fill up a correlation table with both sets and use the χ²-test to see whether the two sets came could be samples from the same
population. Would this be correct? Supposing in a set of vectors the regression of Northness on Eastness were found in the usual way, would the term $b$ in $a + bx$ be the tangent of the angle measured from North? Would the standard error of $b$ be the standard error of this mean direction?

Summy has asked me to ask your opinion as to suggested methods on enclosed sheet. I'm sorry to bother you so much. There is absolutely no hurry about any of these things. A very happy New Year to you and your family. Yours sincerely,

[Signature] Wollaston (over)
Would you kindly tell Druceley that the Journal de Council does belong here, and ask him to be kind enough to send it.