Dear Professor Fisher,

I am just sent back to civilian life and am pleased to write you this letter which is the first one I send abroad since a long time. I heard about you recently through Professor Frachot and knew you were now Professor in Cambridge, perhaps in your old Gonville and Caius College. I send you my best congratulations and would like Mrs. Fisher and your family share my kinder regards.

If you keep touch with all the staff I met in London: Mrs. Simpson, W. L. Stevens, Race, Dr. Thomson may I ask you to tell them the good remembrance I keep from the Rothamsted Laboratory. Since the last time I met you in Rothamsted many things happened to me. A week after I was sent back to France and with the Army voted back from North to South from Normandy till a camp in the centre of France. Then for the first time sent back to civilian life and soon after
sent as a lecturer of Mathematics in Algiers University. When happened what we call here: "November 8th," I was called up again as soon and sent in a psychotechnic laboratory where I had very often to deal with statistics. And now the T. day is over with great pleasure. I am a professor again. I got married in 1941 and now I am father of two little daughters: Catherine was born in 1943 and Elizabeth a month and a half ago.

Do you remember the problem of "deflation"? During the war I had a few results about it. I have no proofs of what you assumed about the normal law but I was able to give an example of the contrary for the Poisson law: if two laws contain the Poisson law, the sum of the two variables may contain a Poisson law which is greater than the sum of the two Poisson laws. And do you know that the Cauchy type \( \frac{1}{1+x^2} \) whose characteristic function is \( e^{-\lambda x} \) can be decomposed in a sum of two variables of another type. As soon as I get my offprints (but it is rather long in France now) I’ll send you a copy.

Perhaps next year I’ll come back to continental France and become a Professor in Bordeaux University but that is not sure.

I wish war is over for your family without casualties chiefly for your two boys.

May I apologize for my poor English which became worse if possible during this war.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Segue