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My dear Dugue,

Thanks for your letter and for telling me now what is really very important, that the Institute of Intellectual Cooperation is willing to bear expenses, including, I suppose, fares to Geneva.

So far as I can make out, there are no statisticians in Germany. You have a sample in France in M. Gumbel, and I suppose there may be others as bad where he comes from. There is Oskar Anderson in Bulgaria, who has written a decent book in German.

Italians are much more numerous. I think if I were in Darmois' position I should ask Gini to name a small contingent - even if they disapprove of international cooperation on principle. As regards other English workers, J. Wishart and M. S. Bartlett at Cambridge are worth thinking of.

I am very glad you are considering the deflation problem. It is the kind of fundamental work for which I think you are peculiarly well fitted. I have received an offprint from the Society of Biotype...
estimation. Tell me whether there is part 2 coming along later.

The distribution of which I sent you the characteristic function from the Petersburg problem has an entertaining property, that the mean of a sample of \( n \) is distributed in the original distribution as in Cauchy's case, only shifted by \( \log_2 n \), so that the bigger the sample the bigger the mean. I have not yet the explicit form of the distribution.

Yours sincerely,