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Dear Monsieur Bugué,

I was recently asked by a representative of the Rockefeller Foundation for the names of young continental mathematicians, who might, with advantage, receive a studentship for the purpose of working for a time at the Galton Laboratory.

In view of your recent work on the Theory of Estimation I gave your name; but I do not know whether I ought to have done so, since I find that the enquiry was intended to be limited to men working in mathematics related to biology, or, according to a second definition, to mathematicians interested in biology.

I suppose there is a certain reality behind these distinctions, though, for my part, I should say that mathematics is the same whether it is applied, on the one hand, to the problems of stars and atoms, or, on the other, to genes and mental measurements. In fact, since I have been in charge of this Laboratory, I have regarded it as a place where young mathematicians could begin to familiarise themselves, as mathematicians, with the problems arising in biology, psychology, sociology, etc.

Perhaps you will let me know if the opportunity of working here for a time attracts you, for, if so, I may infer that you are a mathematician interested in biology.

Yours sincerely,