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My dear Ron,

How nice to have your letter. I now enclose a statement from Lloyd's Bank, Cambridge, making it possible for you to sign and endorse cheques for the Genetical Society—so you have been so kind as to look after the finances until Catcheside returned. My original letter to the Manager had of course to go to both Secretaries for signature.

Yes, I wonder if, as you suggest, this is the explanation of Haldane's most extraordinary behaviour in not being prepared to sign Race's Certificate—this he thinks it might reduce Penrose's chances. As you rightly say, there ought to be room for both. But, to be frank, I personally am inclined to back Race as the better man. There was an old time much promise in Penrose's work, and I have a feeling that it has not quite come off.

Braunfjord is fully prepared to take our photograph. The trouble is that he, like most professional photographers in this country, has no
Kodachrome. So I am trying to arrange for him to have a little for this purpose from Adipinol (as I do the plates for The New Naturalist Series). He is taking photographs for them at present (including my new Moth book), but the sufficiency of Kodachrome are far better suited to this specific purpose. I don't think there will be any difficulty.

Right, I will send the paper and map straight in to Darlington, but I remember he said that it would not be needed for the printers till early Autumn.

Two small adjustments should, I think, be made.

(1). When I described the moths, the possibility of a colored plate had not arisen. I had supposed the pictures would be black and white, so I have described all the colors in detail. It is now perfectly unnecessary and should, I think, be cut out.
(2) There is a passage in your Section in which "factor" is used in two senses in the same sentence (a thing I find I am often doing). The passage (p. 41) is: "Non-evolutionists who find it difficult to attach any real evolutionary significance to this factor, have urged that the normal segregation of all factors in each generation ...". The first "factor" refers to non-adaptive changes in small populations, mentioned in the previous sentence: do you think it worth while to substitute for it "to such chance effects" (or trends to these)?

Since writing the above, I have rung you up and now have the great pleasure of looking forward to seeing you on Saturday. Thank you so much for your very kind invitation. My train (the first available from Oxford) is due at 2.0, but it might quite easily be exceedingly late - run an hour or two if the weather
continues. So, unless I hear to the contrary from you, I'll on arrival drop my things at Cains, and come on to Storey's Inny. That would save you from waiting perhaps a very long time at the station; for I remember that, in your kindness, you have usually met me.

I look forward to much seeing you here Saturday.

Yours truly,

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