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My dear Henry,

I am immensely glad that the interim recommendations we have drafted do really meet with your hearty approval. It is such a relief to find that a statement from the English committee need not be paralysed by all the minor difficulties and conventional choices which involve no point of principle and in which one convention is almost as good as another.

I think we are in time now to change the locus symbol from $A$ to $L$ for the $H$ factor without causing confusion and I agree with you entirely that $L$ is the most suitable symbol for this locus. Apart from Lejus, now sadly dormant, it has after all Landsteiner and Levine to recommend it.

I am, I understand, obstinately determined to use $K_{hn}$, but this will matter little if others in England and America feel free to use $L$ without ambiguity. He has, I think, a feeling of having
acquired patent rights in Macaca musculus, although that worthy animal
is, I suppose, now never used in preparing the antibodies of the
rhesus factor.

On the general question of affixes, suffixes etc. American printers
are certainly going to find greater difficulties than the better
printers, at least in England, and as it is the American geneticists
who have been forward in pressing for the use of indices rather than
suffixes it may, perhaps, be best to let them discover their own
difficulties, merely offering, in case these should become troublesome,
the alternative analytic notation with a triple index index, which will
always be distinctive. I have little doubt that after a few years
this will be fairly generally used in the States as it already is in
England. But at present there are very few serologists or geneticists
familiar with the distinctions which have to be drawn, and the great
point will be won if by the time hospital pathologists in any numbers
need a notation for their findings one is found already prepared and
approved for their use.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday week,

Yours affectionately

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