Dear Fisher,

I am really most grateful to you for giving up your time to the most data; and so is Sowerbrell, who caught the specimens. Your analysis throws more light on the situation than I could have hoped for.

Taking everything into consideration: the ecology of the species, area available for it on the island, etc., I am inclined to feel that your estimate of 5,000 for the total breeding population; and 1,000 as the number flying at the highest level, is extremely reasonable. I had no clear idea what it would be to this, thinking over the circumstances, I am convinced you are about right. Certainly...
Its 50% elimination is much higher than I should have expected — but I have no real grounds for this opinion.

I am very ill at heart while from several points of view to get a better estimate this year. A system (which can easily be arranged) for dating the releases might provide quite satisfactory data. Then, as I hope, we have obtained this information, I will think on again about it, if I may.

I am so sorry about this scholarship, I had particularly wanted to attend the Genetic Society meeting on Thursday. But it time-table is so complicated that they will not consider altering it — and such a lot of people are involved.

Thank you again for your very valuable help,

Yours sincerely,

S.R. Ford