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Dear Dr Fisher,

Allow me to thank you cordially for a number of reprints of articles written by you and your associates (The estimation of the proportion of recessives etc. being one of them). It shows that regardless of everything your work is progressing and I sincerely wish that this may remain so. I hope that Mrs Fisher and you and your large family do not suffer too many hardships and, naturally, I often recall the days when I had the pleasure of working in your laboratory. My best wishes also go to the staff of your department.

My own family is in Holland, but well. My oldest son came through the days of fighting unharmed and is now back in the lawyer's office where he used to work before. My two other children continue their work in the university. Mrs Fortuyn suffers most since it is practically impossible for her to return to Peking and on the other hand she does not wish to decide to remain in Holland "for the duration".

Since my return to Peking in June 1939 I have begun a large scale experiment on the transition of intermediate into Mendelian inheritance. The results are quite interesting but so extensive that it will require a small book and not an article to publish them. It will take a long time for me to write that book, but the experimental work is nearly finished.

Since my return I also have been working more intensively on the t- and z-tests and I dare say that I am now more familiar with them than I was while being with you. They are, as you know very well, so useful for evaluating the results of medical experiments that a number of young doctors from our College have come to me for help, which, I think, I have been able to give them. All this, however, takes time which has to be taken from the time available for my own research work.

Only one half of the total number of families of American professors in our College have repatriated and I think the others are wrong. The local anti-American society may do anything to them when they see fit and one should not run that risk when one can avoid it. The future of our College as a whole is uncertain as far as it depends upon a number of factors which at present cannot be foreseen. For the time being I do not plan to leave and hope to be permitted to finish some more work.

Please, remember me to Mrs Fisher. With very best wishes and kind regards

Very sincerely yours

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