

London, October 23, 1942

Dear D. Fisher

At the request of our government Mrs Forbush and I have been evacuated from Peking, China and are now in London, probably on our way to New York. Naturally I often go to the Office of the Rockefeller Foundation in Burlington House and there I was told that you would come for a meeting yesterday morning. I hoped to see you, if only for one moment, but you did not come. I am therefore writing to ask how you and Mrs Fisher and your children are. Have you visited the USA as you thought likely in your last letter to me?

In Peking the College was closed at the end of January but I could work at home on the results of my last experiment with mice. In the inheritance of quantitative characters certain factors are active, indeed, which I cannot reduce to Mendelian genes. I could not finish the article and have taken precautions that in case of my death a copy of the manuscript, as far as it is finished, and a copy of all data is sent to you to deal with as you think fit. I hope that you will not mind this and in any case I shall try to go on living for a while.

In Peking we were supported by the Swiss Government but received only $\frac{1}{2}$ of what we needed in ordinary circumstances. As conditions had a tendency to deteriorate we were very glad to be rescued from the Japanese.

I am still in the service of the Rockefeller Foundation but do not yet know what they want me to do. Also it still may be that the Netherlands Government claims me, which would have priority. If we go to the United States I may have to wait a month for visa, but it also may be that we have to leave sooner.

If you come to London again I would be very pleased to have an opportunity to meet you. We now live in New Mansions Hotel, 38 Lancaster Gate, London W2, but the Office of the Rockefeller Foundation, Burlington House will always know where to find me.

Hoping to hear good news from you
sincerely yours

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