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My dear Hotelling,

On making a check up of my offprints we have discovered that four of yours, which I ought to have, are missing. I enclose a list on a separate sheet, and I am writing on the chance that you may still have spare copies of one or more of them. These I should value greatly. You will notice that three of the four are on a subject on which I have been working in the last few years, and are doubtless missing only because workers in my Department have had them freely in use.

I wonder too if you have ever prepared a bibliography of your statistical papers, as I should certainly value a copy if such a thing exists, and, if not, it might be an encouragement to you to have one set on foot while it is still a manageable business.

This war has had a bad start; but I suppose historically it has been an almost invariable rule that our major European wars should start disasterously. In a year or two you may have more cheerful news.

Yours sincerely,