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Dr. R.A. Fisher  
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Dear Fisher:

I saw recently in the Manchester Guardian Weekly a note on your B.B.C. remarks on Russian science. I have been asked to speak here on this topic and am wondering if possibly you have a printed or typed copy of your comments which you could or would care to let me have. I should of course give complete credit for the source of information or expression of views that I used.

I hope your new position in Cambridge is proving in every way satisfactory and that the department is developing as you wished. As you have doubtless seen, we have been having some very exciting things happening in cytology here, but it is going to be a long time before we have the complete story ready. We have one paper in press which shows that the distribution of chromosomes induced by sodium nucleate is not random; the proportion of distinguishable segregating homologues is much beyond expectation on a random basis in *Trillium*. In some results assembled and analyzed this morning with another plant, we have found ~~by~~ 85% of all segregating nuclei have equal numbers of chromosomes separated from one another. The thing therefore is no random or chancey affair but a real phenomenon of which the details as to time and mechanism of segregation have to be worked out in great detail than has yet proved possible. If you should be coming to this country within the next year or so I hope you will manage to get to Madison. We should certainly very much like to see you. I anticipate visiting Europe in 1950, but no plans in detail yet.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

C. Leonard Huskins