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My dear Hutt,

Congratulations on your new appointment. I was very glad to see from your letter that you agree with my interpretation of the crested gene, which indeed in my own material seems unavoidable. The hernia must be suppressed somehow in the pure Silky, and papers like that of Jull and Dunn show that it is partially suppressed, apparently with a sex limitation in the Fg with Silky. Is it possibly for this reason that that hernia is not easily classifiable in your material? In my wild Gallus gallus it is absolutely distinct and I have been so far unable to detect any abnormality in the skulls of non-hernia sires which died young, some of which ought to have been heterozygotes. I have written to "Science" giving my result, and have taken the liberty of quoting from your letter - "I have decided the same as you that there is no difference between the two genes".

The case reported by Dunn and Landauer of a non-crested hen transmitting hernia is peculiar, but carries no
conviction unless and until they can produce a strain showing hernia without crest. I should not expect crest to be ever difficult to diagnose in an adult, but my experience is limited to rather favourable material.

Yours sincerely,