My dear Jackson,

I was very glad to have your long letter and I do hope you will excuse this short reply. After thinking over your problem so far as I can fathom it I wonder if what you have is not evidence that although in good times a tsetse can be caught and released without loss of expectation of life, yet that at periods when recaptures are few, which I take to mean that life is rather hard anyway, the experience of being caught, marked and released may be a touch more than they can stand.

Of course, I only throw this out as a suggestion as you do not mention this aspect of the question in your letter.

Yours sincerely,