My dear Korenchevsky,

I was highly flattered by the proposal which you made in your letter of the 18th October that, subsequent to your retirement from the Lister, it might be possible to include your work in that of my Department here at Cambridge. I surely feel, and that strongly, that facilities should be found for your personal researches to be continued as long as you have time and inclination to give to them. When you wrote, however, you could have had no idea of the difficulties with which I am at present faced, and which will not be rapidly cleared away, in getting any experimental work carried out at all at this Department. I think you should bear in mind too that the facilities which you will want will generally be more easily available in a department of biochemistry than in one of genetics, even if I were yet in sight of an organisation adequate to the absolute requirements of a genetics department.

I do not know who else you may have sounded on this matter. You know probably that A.C. Chibnall has recently been appointed here to succeed Gowland Hopkins, and you probably are already in touch with the more appropriate departments at Oxford. There is in Cambridge a small animal breeding institute, with which my department may not improbably be later associated, but here the interest and therefore the avowed justification of
all expenditure is agricultural, whereas you should be drawing ad hoc grants from, let us say, the Medical Research Council or some body with medical interests.

I am sorry therefore that I do not see my way to fall in with what in so many ways is an attractive proposal.

Yours sincerely,