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Dear Eldon Moore,

I think most doctors believe that there is little or nothing genetic about Mongolism. Penrose, however, who has done more work on it than, I suppose, other workers in England put together, is inclined to think there is some familial tendency, though clearly one very subsidiary to the really extraordinary feature of the case, namely the increasing frequency of mongols in births taking place after 35 years of age.

The immediate indication, therefore, depends somewhat on the age of the fiancée, since, if she is young, they could have a substantial family before there is any appreciable risk, even on the view that her late-born children would be more liable to mongolism than those of other women. Personally, I think the anxiety even on this latter point is very faint.

I expect to be in town on the morning of July 10th, in Westminster, and could conveniently meet you for lunch at any restaurant in the West End. It would be delightful to have a meal with you again.

Yours sincerely,