My dear L.F.,

Obviously I owe you a most abject apology for not having acknowledged the receipt of your long sored on relaxation methods. Of course I see that it was enormously kind of you to put yourself to all the trouble you have and send me a worked example, and I think you will understand that there was so much in what you have sent deserving my attention that I have only been able to give to it a very small fraction of the time that will be required.

What I am chiefly at sea about is the particular aim of the various devices employed: e.g. is the whole discussion within the field of matrix algebra? Are we concerned with such a specific problem as that of finding accurately the dominant latent root with its associated vectors and matrices, or are we concerned with the totality of all latent roots as I was in the first cousin problem, where I had to demonstrate the factorisation of the equation for the latent roots?

It seems to me that these different aspects require separate discussion whenever the claim is made that this or that method facilitates or saves time in the job concerned.

However, I will get down to it as soon as I can.

Yours sincerely,