October 16, 1942

Dear O'Brien,

When the Rockefeller Foundation came to the help of my Department last year by making a grant of £200 to cover the salary of my secretary, Miss Simpso, you mentioned that your Board, although reluctant to make commitments beyond a period of one year, were willing to take up items on the year-to-year basis.

I am, therefore, writing to ascertain whether the events of the past year permit the Rockefeller Foundation to continue help of the same kind. I have every probability of being able to continue the *Annals of Eugenics* with first class material; though this will come in at a slower rate than before, so that I may not be able to manage more than one complete volume in two years. Owing to the greatly increased cost of paper, and of printing, and to some loss of sales on the European Continent, I have applied to the Royal Society, and received a grant of £100, which will enable the journal to continue without drawing more than I ought on reserves. I am glad to say too that fresh subscribers have made good a large part of those that were lost.

As to the rest of the Laboratory's activity, apart from continuing to collect and salvage the grouping data from the Blood
Transfusion Service, as we have been doing here, G.L. Taylor's group at Cambridge are cooperating in an attempt, which I regard as most important, to group the mothers and children at a large maternity hospital. What has made this possible is that E.B. Ford, the Oxford geneticist, has been able to obtain the cooperation of the Radcliffe Infirmary. It is this cooperation, along with Ford's pertinacity in overcoming difficulties that it has been possible to begin this work.

I hope this will find you well, and in England. I enclose on a separate sheet formal statement of my application.

Yours sincerely,
Year: February 1st, 1943 - January 31st, 1944

Application to the Board of Trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation
for renewal, for this further year, of their grant of £200 per annum.

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