Dear Rothschild,

I have been puzzling over your letter and may have misunderstood your analysis. Anyway, I don't follow it.

It made me wonder whether the time during which a singly fertilised egg is exposed to fertilisation might not be short compared with the times used in observing fertilisation processes, and whether in consequence one could not take and ascertain experimentally a constant probability of re-fertilisation during the whole of this time exposed to risk. Is it that in fact you know that the proportion polysperous among those fertilised does change materially during the process you are following and that it is the changes in this ratio from which you hope to deduce information about the regime of closure after the first fertilisation?

By the way, have you been subverting Her Majesty's advisors.

Sincerely yours,