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Dear Topley,

I forgot to mention one thing the other day, and that is that if something isn't done we ~~will~~ be absolutely sunk for lack of calculating machines. There are at the moment six available in the Galton Laboratory in addition to one or two lent to Government Departments for the duration. These are all the property of the Galton Laboratory. Obviously the Department of Geostics at Cambridge never even possessed a slide-rule, and I do not see why University College should, though of course they might, lend us a few machines for the ~~duration or until they come on the~~

duration or until they come on to the market again.

I suppose one thing that would be legitimate would be for the A.R.C. to requisition three from my Department through the Ministry of Supply, or whoever is the official highswyman, and so secure something for the use of Miss Burton, Mr Williams and myself, if we go to Cambridge.

Yours sincerely,