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Dear von Verschuer,

It is a long while since we have corresponded. Your acknowledgement of some of my papers reminded me that I had not seen you in Copenhagen last August, but I am writing in the hope that you are in good health, and, perhaps, still engaged in research.

There is a problem in which it might be that you already have information, or for which you might be willing to undertake a special enquiry if means were provided, namely as to whether there is objective evidence of a hereditary factor in the differences observable among mankind in the form in which they choose to take tobacco, e.g. in the contrast between pipe smokers and cigarette smokers.

It occurred to me that in the large material which you have from time to time assembled of like-sex twin pairs, classified as monozygotic and dizygotic respectively, it might be possible to ascertain whether there is a recognizable genetic component in the causation of this phenotypic distinction.

In the event of your judging that such an enquiry should be feasible in material of which you have knowledge, I believe it

would be possible to obtain a reasonable fee for your expert supervision of such an enquiry.

Sincerely yours,